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ESTATE OF

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the above deceased are requested to send the same in writing to the undersigned within two weeks from the date hereof after which time no claims shall be considered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

LILY MAY CROMPTON
Apart. 505
29 Rue Montauban, 2nd Floor,
Shanghai, December 15, 1939. -9729

SHANGHAI TELEPHONE COMPANY

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

FINAL NOTICE

The transfer books of this Company will finally be closed at 5 p.m. TO-DAY, December 15, 1939.

Stockholders and the public are reminded that this Company, in distributing the cash dividend and the shares of the new Company, will ONLY RECOGNIZE STOCKHOLDERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON ITS BOOKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS TO-DAY and that thereafter the stock certificates of this Company will be void and without value.

It is important, therefore, that any shares not registered in the names of the owners thereof be lodged with this Company for transfer before the close of business to-day. Also, persons who may be holding shares as security are advised to have them transferred to their own names, since otherwise new certificates will be delivered to the persons at present named in the old certificates.

C. D. LONGHURST,
Comptroller and Assistant Secretary.
Shanghai, December 15, 1939.
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SHANGHAI TELEPHONE COMPANY

SPECIAL NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

1 PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held in New York on December 6, 1939 a dividend of Sixty cents, Chinese Dollars Shanghai local currency (Ch.$0.60) on each share of the capital stock of the Company was declared with respect to operations of the year 1939, payable in Shanghai on December 27, 1939, to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 15, 1939.

2. DISSOLUTION OF COMPANY

At the special meeting of stockholders held in New York on November 22, 1939, pursuant to notice given under date of October 10, 1939 and mailed to all stockholders, the sale of the Company's assets to Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and its dissolution were duly approved. Accordingly the Board of Directors, at a meeting held in New York on December 6, 1939, directed that the transfer books of the Company be finally closed as of the close of business on December 15, 1939, for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive the liquidating dividend of the Company. This liquidating dividend will consist of stock of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and will be issued to stockholders of Shanghai Telephone Company on a pro rata and share for share basis, the par value of the respective shares of the two companies being the same, i.e., Ten Chinese Dollars, Shanghai local currency (Ch. $10) each.

New certificates of Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A., representing the same number of shares of stock as are respectively held in this Company by stockholders of record at the close of business December 15, 1939, will be distributed on December 27, 1939. Thereafter this Company will be dissolved.

Since the transfer books of the Company will be finally closed on December 15, 1939, and the liquidating dividend consisting of shares of stock of the new Shanghai Telephone Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. will be distributed to stockholders whose names appear on the books of this Company at that date, it is important that all shares of stock be registered at once in the names of the actual owners. Therefore, any stock certificate of the Company bearing a name other than the name of the actual owner thereof or a designated nominee should be presented at once, and in any case not later than the close of business December 15, 1939, at the office of the Company for exchange for a new certificate in the name of such actual owner or designated nominee.

In distributing its liquidating dividend on December 27, 1939, this Company will only recognize, and issue shares of the new Company to, stockholders whose names appear on its books at the close of business December 15, 1939, and after December 15, 1939, the stock certificates of this Company will be void and without value.

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Shanghai, December 7, 1939.
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We take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. A. B. Henningsen as General Manager of this firm as from this date.

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U. S. HARKSON,
Managing Director.
12934

THE WING ON COMPANY (SHANGHAI) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at No. 213 Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong on Tuesday, December 19, 1939, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as a Special Resolution, the following Resolution.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr. William Gockson of Shanghai be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such Winding-Up.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. GOCKCHIN
Director.
Shanghai, November 25, 1939.
12898

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wing On Company, Federal Inc., U.S.A., has purchased all of the property and assets and assumed all of the liabilities of The Wing On Company (Shanghai), Ltd., and has taken over its entire business and undertaking as a going concern.

THE WING ON COMPANY,
Federal Inc., U.S.A.
R. E. GILLELAND
President.
12925

NOTICE

Mr. Charles Benjamin has joined our firm as from to-day's date and is hereby authorized to sign "per pro".

J. L. CROMPTON & CO.,
SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE.
December 14, 1939. 12910

NOTICE

We regret to announce the resignation of Mr. A. B. Henningsen as Manager of China for our Company.

R. A. MAY,
President,
GETZ BROS. & Co.,
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12902

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Bureau has duly made the arrangement with the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration for the resumption of its Customs House Examination Office. On December 13, 1939 the said office will commence its work and its duty is to examine all the Consolidated Taxable goods and their documents.

The Public is further notified that those who pay duties for imports exports and interports are requested to purchase 2 cents Revenue Stamp of this Bureau to be pasted on each Duty Memo from the above Examination Office.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ASIA REALTY COMPANY
Federal Inc., U.S.A.
(A Corporation),
Debtor.
Cause No. 3873, Civil No. 1316
ORDER
Filed at Shanghai, China,
December 13, 1939.
(Sgd.) WILLIAM T. COLLINS,
Clerk.

On reading and considering the Motion of the Trustee of the Estate of the Debtor filed this 13th day of December, 1939, by which he informs the Court that after filing the Plan of Reorganization herein on the 9th day of December, 1939, he has received indications that another person, or persons, desires to make a higher offer under said Plan than that of the new stock-holders mentioned in the Plan, it is hereby

ORDERED that on the 27th day of December, 1939, at 10 o'clock a.m. in the court room of the United States Court for China at Shanghai the Trustee shall attend and receive such higher offers under said Plan of Reorganization as may be then and there made. Each offeror must at that time deliver to the Trustee a cashier's order issued by The National City Bank of New York or The Chase Bank in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000), United States currency, payable to the order of "Trustee of the Estate of Asia Realty Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A.", which sum shall be a guarantee of performance by the offeror. Offers shall be received by open oral bidding as at a public auction. The Trustee shall thereafter file herein the name and highest offer of each offeror for consideration by the Court at the hearing for approval and confirmation of said Plan of Reorganization on the 8th day of January, 1940, at 10 o'clock a.m. Acceptances of the Plan of Reorganization in the meantime by persons affected thereby shall be understood as asceptances of said Plan with the minimum sale price for new stock of One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($1,650,000), Shanghai currency, now specified therein, regardless of the identity of the purchaser; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that on this 13th day of December, 1939, the Trustee shall send a copy of this order by registered post to each person affected by said Plan of Reorganization and cause a copy of this order to be published on December 14, December 15 and December 23, 1939, in two English language newspapers of general circulation in Shanghai.

By The Court,
(Sgd.) MILTON J. HELMICK,
Judge.
12922

THE SHANGHAI KEDAH PLANTATIONS, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 20 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, December 28, 1939, at 11.45 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ended September 30, 1939, to declare a Dividend, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transact other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 22 to December 28, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.,
Secretaries.
Shanghai, December 13, 1939.
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Shanghai, December 14, 1939. 12927

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared a Second Interim Dividend for the year ending December 31, 1939, at the rate of Ten Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Members on record on Friday, December 15, 1939.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from December 11, to December 15, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, November 25, 1939.
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THE SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

Chinese Oranges:
Mother's Query Answered

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Referring to the inquiry by MOTHER OF THREE in your correspondence column of December 14, I would like to call her attention to some experimental studies which were made five years ago at the Henry Lester Institute of Medical Research and the results published in "The Chinese Journal of Physiology," Volumes 9 and 10, 1935 and 1936, and also in "The Chinese Medical Journal," Volume 50, 1936. In these publications it was shown definitely by chemical and animal tests, as well as in human beings, that most Chinese oranges contain Vitamin C, just as much as the American Sunkist orange. One variety of Chinese orange *Kwangchu* 廣橘, or *Swatow Huyeh Kan* 油頭黃柑, has an even higher Vitamin C content than the Sunkist. It was found only one variety of Chinese orange, namely *Huang Yen mi chu* frequently called "Wenchow" orange, a small flat orange with loose skin, to have a low content of Vitamin C, being about one-third of Vitamin C content of other types of orange. Swatow mandarin oranges 油頭黃柑, Canton oranges 新會橙子, Foochow oranges 福橘, Hunan oranges were found to have a high content of Vitamin C, comparable with that of American oranges (Sunkist).

H. C. HOU, M.D., M.Sc.

Shanghai, Dec. 14.

The Fun Fair:
A Gratifying Result

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As a result of the Fun Fair held under the auspices of the Union Church Women's Guild it is possible to distribute $3,200. It is to be allocated as follows:—

$1,600 to the Union Church.
$800 to the British Women's Association War Work Fund.
$200 to each of the following charities—the Salvation Army Beggar Boys, Lester Chinese Hospital, the Door of Hope and the School for Blind Chinese.

On behalf of the members of the Guild I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who in various ways helped to make the Fun Fair such a success and to produce such a gratifying result.

DOROTHY SCOTT.
Pres., Union Church Women's Guild.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

Bremen Escapes:
A Bewildered Correspondent

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I have read your leaderette on the escape of the Bremen in today's issue with some bewilderment.

I should be glad to know if it is possible to obtain confirmation of the following rumours on the subject of our complete collaboration with the enemy:—

(1) That Great Britain and France have decided to place the two super ships, the Queen Mary and the Normandie, at the disposal of the enemy in order to assist in the embarkation of troops concentrated at Hamburg and Bremen?
(2) Whether it is true that the Commander of the Bremen is to be awarded a British decoration?
(3) Whether it is true that the Commander of the submarine has been awarded the Iron Cross?

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Shanghai, Dec. 14.

M. Stalin:
Compared With Al Capone

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is a mistake on the part of the press to speak of the invasion of Finland as a Russo-Finnish war. Stalin and his ugly brood in Moscow represent Russia no more than Al Capone in his days represented the population of Chicago.

After the defeat in Spain international communism and all the international scoundrels attached to it are now making a final bid for world domination by attacking Scandinavian countries.

It is a foregone conclusion that as in Spain the attempt will end in dismal failure. It is to be hoped, however, that this time the reverses will be such that not only Russia but the whole of Europe will once and for all get rid of this menace which for the last twenty years has poisoned the life of Europe.

NORDIC.

Tsingtao, Dec. 8.

Local Music:
Shanghai Composers

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to the letter on the above subject in yesterday's issue, Messrs. Avshalamoff and Singer are to be congratulated on the distinction of having their works played in the United States.

Perhaps these two composers have never quite been given the recognition they deserve locally, for a community is sometimes inclined to underestimate its "home products."

From observations gained at the performance of Mr. Singer's work for piano and orchestra it was apparent that many did not take it seriously whilst others were quite annoyed. If I recall correctly also a number of the press reviews on this work were unenthusiastic save that appearing in the "North-China."

LISTENER.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

Greater Shanghai:
A Non-existent Official

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The information which appeared in the local foreign papers according to which a certain official of the Municipal Administration of the City Government of Greater Shanghai was named as "Commissioner of Foreign Affairs" is erroneous, as there is no such official in this Administration. I shall feel obliged if you will kindly publish this letter so that there may be no misunderstanding in the future.

FU SIAO-EN, *Mayor.*

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

For Aviators:
Questions on Air Pockets

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Could any of your aeronautical specialists kindly inform me:—

1. What an air pocket is?
2. Maximum depth so far recorded or estimated.
3. Is the danger of total loss of a plane running into an air pocket great?

B.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

BY SAPAJOU

Mr. M. T. Stewart

Acting Canadian Trade Commissioner, who is shortly leaving on transfer to Japan.

U.S. Belgian Envoy May Stay in Washington
May Act as Adviser to President on Europe

Washington, Dec. 13.

President Roosevelt is considering keeping Mr. Joseph E. Davies, United States Ambassador to Belgium, in Washington for consultation and advice in connection with the European hostilities.

Officials of the State Department say Mr. Davies has not yet resigned the Ambassadorship and no decision has been reached on what his status would be.

Mr. Davies recently returned to the United States at the President's request.—Reuter.

More Surprises Certain

New York, Dec. 13.

Further surprises in the European war were predicted here yesterday by Mr. Joseph Davies, American Ambassador to Belgium, when he returned to the United States aboard the liner Rex.

"The most surprising thing about this war," he said, "has been its surprises—and they art still in the bag."

The Ambassador, ordered to return to the United States to discuss the proposed Belgian-American trade treaty, said he was satisfied that "none of the parties who have given their word not to invade Belgium will do so."

He said, however, that Belgium was maintaining a high state of preparedness. King Leopold he characterized as a "real guy," who was responsible for Belgium's strong defences.

Mr. Davies unequivocally called upon President Roosevelt to run for a third term as President. He was the first prominent member of the United States Foreign Service openly to enter the forthcoming election battle.

"In my opinion," he said, "conditions in the world are such that Mr. Roosevelt ought to be drafted and compelled to run for a third term."

Mr. Davies said he plans to return to Belgium as soon as he has made his report to the State Department and President Roosevelt.—United Press.

Japanese Withdraw from Whaling Treaty

London, Dec. 13.

Japanese Embassy authorities in London, yesterday informed the British Foreign Office that Japan again this year would not participate in the International Whaling Treaty now in operation.—Domei.

"Blindart Workshop"
How You Can Help The Blind

The Blindart Workshop of the Institution for the Chinese Blind, 290 Hungjao Road, is having its usual sale of Christmas novelties, made of wicker and bamboo.

This sale has, in former years, been held on Nanking Road, but this year is has been impossible to find a suitable shop for the sale, so they are on display and for sale at the showroom on Hungjao Road.

These beautiful articles are too well known to need describing, and are most suitable for Christmas presents. Bamboo and wicker waste paper baskets of all kinds, doll's cradles, prams, beds, small tables and chairs, schools, work and sewing baskets, all painted or not, as desired. Also, bedtables, picnic baskets, flower stands and baskets, besides a large assortment of rattan and cane chairs and furniture made by the blind workers, who support themselves by this work.

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Trunk Murderess Said To Be Dead

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 13.

Governor Robert Jones, of Arizona, indicated today that he was instituting a shake-up at the State Insane Asylum, where repeated and easy escapes were made by Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd, trunk murderess who is still at large, and Bruno Hanks, maniacal rapist who was recently recaptured.

Governor Jones also declared that he was beginning to lean toward the theory that Mrs. Judd is dead either from exposure or by her own hand, since, for the ninth day, there has been no definite sign of her.—United Press.

Tokyo Mandates Report En Route to Geneva

Tokyo, Dec. 13.

The Foreign Office spokesman today told Reuter that Japan's report for 1938 on territories under her mandate was on the way to Geneva, it having been delayed.

The Chairman of the Mandates Committee of the League officially announced yesterday that Japan had not sent in her report for last year.—Reuter.

Fire Makes Thousand Homeless in P.I.

Manila, Dec. 13.

Over a thousand persons were homeless today as a result of a fire at Lingayen, Pangasinan province, which destroyed scores of houses and caused damage estimated at over 300,000 pesos.

The fire started over a Chinese bakery and swept through the town.—United Press.

FUNERAL
Mr. L. Swemmelaar

The funeral took place at Lokawei Cemetery Tuesday afternoon of the late Mr. Louis Swemmelaar, Manager of the Shanghai Commercial Art Studio, whose death occurred at the Paulun Hospital early on Tuesday morning. The chief mourners were the widow Mrs. Leonie I. Swemmelaar and the brother Mr. Adolf Swemmelaar. There was a large attendance of mourners. At the graveside a short eulogistic address was delivered by Dr. S. Boekebinder. A beautiful floral wreath from the widow and brother was lowered into the grave with the coffin. Among others sending floral tributes were:—

The and Boekie, Mr. R. K. Butler Kate Grill, Mr. N. Sanojnikoff, Mr. N. Gingeroff and family, Mr. W. J. Stokvis, The Star Press, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Ievleff, Hilda E. Carlson, Shanghai Commercial Art Studio, Mali, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zirinsky, Staff of Cathay Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. H. Crawford, The Cosmopolitan Press, Bayer Pharma Co., Jean Claude Piar, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ch. Dammers-van As, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sonnleitner, Mr. M. Funabiki, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chan, Mr. C. D. Foo, Standard Photo Engraving Co., etc.

The funeral arrangements were in the care of Messrs. Thomas MacDonald Co.

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FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 15, 1869

The *pro forma* sale of the Shanghai Club building took place yesterday afternoon, when it was knocked down to Mr. Groom, on behalf of the Recreation Fund, for Tls. 35,000. The complicated relationship between the two bodies of shareholders, which was so cleverly hit off in the extravaganza on Thursday is thus at length cleared up. It only remains now, for terms to be arranged between the new shareholders and the members. This we hope will also soon be done.

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Princess Royal Inspects Women Territorials

London, Dec. 12.

The Princess Royal paid her first visit to the War Office today when, in her capacity as Conroller of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, she was conducted round the various executive offices of this service, and had a conversation on the work of women in the army with the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha.

She was much impressed by the efficiency of the A.T.S. organization.—Wireless through Reuter.

Reinforcement of Economic Bloc Urged

Osaka, Dec. 13.

Reinforcement of the Japan-Manchoukuo-China economic bloc was emphasized at the first Osaka session of the East Asia Economic Council at the New Osaka Hotel yesterday afternoon. More than 200 representatives of economic organizations in Japan and on the continent attended the session. Closer co-operation between Osaka and continental cities was also stressed at the session.—Domei.

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Inquiry Into Loss of Thetis Concluded
Tribunal Adjourns Pending Drawing-up of Report

London, Dec. 13.

The taking of evidence before the tribunal enquiring into the Thetis disaster was concluded yesterday. The tribunal will meet again today to hear observations from the Attorney-General and Counsel appearing for the various interests.

It is expected that this stage will be completed on Thursday, and thereafter Mr. Justice Bucknill will adjourn to prepare a report on all the circumstances surrounding the loss of the submarine and subsequent attempts to raise her.

The Thetis sank during trials off Birkenhead on June 1. Of the 102 men aboard, only four were rescued.—Wireless through Reuter.

Manila Mayor Stricken With Heart Attack

Manila, Dec. 13.

The Mayor of Manila, Sr. Juan Posadas, was taken to a hospital following a heart attack at his home yesterday evening. Sr. Posadas worked at his office until late yesterday and appeared well and healthy to newspapermen who interviewed him in the afternoon. The Mayor was reported "resting well" today.—United Press.

Franco-British Transport Plan Agreed Upon

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Minister of the Merchant Marine, M. Alphonse Reo, states today that a complete Franco-British transport plan will be worked out.

The authorities will see that all needs are supplied in the order of emergency.—Reutre.

Bohemian Premier Ill

Berne, Dec. 13.

The D.N.B. news agency announced from Prague today that Herr Elias, Premier of the Bohemian and Moravian Government, is ill and has been removed to a hospital. During his absence, he will be replaced by the Minister of Communications, Herr Havelka.—Havas.

Exchequer Returns in Britain
Floating Debt Increased by Huge Amount

London, Dec. 13.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £274,898,000 compared with £237,986,000 at the corresponding date last year.

Total expenditure—less self-balancing items—is £781,789,472 compared with £695,132,858 a year ago.

The floating debt, outstanding on December 9, was £1,472,975,000, revealing a net increase of £552,665,000 since the beginning of the financial year, and against £1,018,980,000 at the corresponding date of 1938.—Wireless through Reuter.

Spanish Republican Chief Heavily Fined

Madrid, Dec. 13.

A fine of no less than Pesetas 100,000,000 was imposed upon Senor Indalecio Prieto, Minister of National Defence in the Republican Cabinet headed by Senor Juan Negrin during the Civil War. Senor Prieto, who left Spain shortly before the Nationalist victory, was also sentenced to serve a prison term. Prospects of obtaining the fine are well-nigh hopeless for the ex-Minister is still abroad.—Havas.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Nov. 6.

Already shops are becoming gay and Christmassy. Full-page advertisements appear once more in the papers, really as gladdening to readers as to the advertisement managers. And as more and more of the people who legged it for the great open spaces when war began are coming back—after all, would there be a better-protected town in the country than London in an air raid?—the shopkeepers are looking more cheerful.

One does not see so much suggestion of war in the shops, though "useful presents" are plentiful—small churns for making your own butter, bacon-slicers warranted to make 4 oz of bacon go as far as half a pound, and germicide (vulgarly called de-lousing) lotions. Christmas cards favour the beauties of Nature rather than the engines of war. I live in hope of seeing a robin, with a thatched cottage in the background, hopping about on a snowy path spangled with the stuff called "Jack Frost."

One class reported to be doing well are the manufacturers of jewellery. Wedding and engagement rings and enamelled regimental buttons and brooches are being pourcd out by the million. Gold ornaments, too, are in demand, apparently by people who think that they are the one investment which will not run away.

The extraordinary thing is that even in the first month of war retail sales were 14 per cent. more than in September last year. Of course there was a huge sale of black material for curtains. But that could not have accounted for so big an increase if other sales had slumped as badly as most people supposed. If Solomon had lived nowadays he would probably have added "the way of a customer with a shop" to the three things that no man can understand.

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Homage To The Brontes

The interesting news is "released" (I believe that is the correct word nowadays) that a memorial tablet to the three Brontë sisters, appropriately from a stone of their native Yorkshire, has been put in Westminster Abbey in Poets' Corner; though why there it is a little difficult to understand, since no one now reads the verses Emily wrote, no one remembers those that Anne wrote, and Charlotte never wrote any at all. Still, the great thing is that the memorial is there.

And, apropos, a meeting was held just about the same time as the announcement of the Brontë tablet, on behalf of one of the most appealing of charities, the Governesses' Benevolent Institution. It was the triumph of Charlotte Brontë, not so much that she evolved a character like Rochester from her inner consciousness, as that she asserted the right of the plain insignificant governess (two of them, in fact, though Lucy Snowe was rather an irritating little person) to romance and happiness. Yet in fact her position has not yet improved much, though one hopes she has fewer Blanche Ingrams to suffer from.

Lady Violet Astor spoke eloquently on the governess's position as the centre of the household, winning love from all. (You can imagine the spirit of Charlotte Brontë clapping shadowy hands in the background.) But children grow up and governesses move on and time moves too, till by and bye the governesses are too old to move anywhere; and without the Benevolent institution many of them would be in a bad way. One hopes that the more spectacular war charities will leave something for the descendants of Jane Eyre.

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First Restaurant Car

This month saw the 60th anniversary of the introduction of restaurant cars on British railways. Whether "post hoc" or "propter hoc" I don't know, but about the same time restaurant cars were reintroduced on a number of long-distance trains. They were all suddenly abolished at the beginning of the war: of course the regular services had to be cut down heavily to make way for troop and munition trains, but why restaurant cars had to be dropped from the trains that did run is one of the mysteries known only to the panjandrums.

The anniversary brought some of the old illustrations of the first restaurant car, run on the former Great Northern. In appearance it was not very different from the modern car, though only one person sat on either side of the central gangway. What tickles one's fancy is the men's long hair (parted in the middle and descending on the forehead in two heavy waves) and their large drooping moustaches recalling that mercifully extinct horror, the moustache cup. On the tables are épergnes of flowers, also rather mercifully extinct, big silver covers and heavy cruets. A deferential waiter in the foreground offers a large pie to an elderly military gent who does not seem to think much of it. There are still plenty of the same sort in modern cars.

Meals were cooked on a coke stove and the car was lighted by oil lamps. There are many people who remember when railway travellers took candles with them so as to be able to read. All very primitive, no doubt. But think of the spacious tranquillity of their lives in other ways. Can we boast ourselves as being so much wiser than our forebears? Perhaps the chief difference between past and present is that instead of a few people living comfortably and many people uncomfortably, we all alike now live in equal discomfort and call it democracy.

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Out Of Evil

Hundreds of thousands of the evacuees have gone back to the towns. That the experiment of removing them has proved a failure is generally admitted. It has nevertheless had one good effect—at least one hopes it will be good—in opening our eyes to the shortcomings of our national education, which, be it remembered, is far and away the most expensive in Europe. We certainly spend enormous sums in bricks and mortar building the most perfectly equipped schools imaginable. What we get out of them is another matter.

It would of course be unfair and untrue to tar all the children with the same brush. But it cannot, unhappily, be denied that considerable numbers of them are terribly ignorant, ill-mannered and without any sense of discipline. In our district we got probably the cream of London children, but experiences of many friends—people who I know did their best for the children planted on them—were anything but happy.

The women were worse, intractable and dirty. I write with all possible restraint. Sweeping assertions are always to be avoided. But the amount of testimony on this subject cannot be ignored.

Of course you can hardly expect nice children to come out of slatternly homes. But what, people are asking, is the use of all the money spent on slum clearance? And what are the schools doing to correct the ideas of the rising generation?

Perhaps the answer lies in the lack of personal touch between teachers and pupils. It is a commonplace of the schools and universities of the well-to-do that the most important part of education is outside the school. You get this in country church schools, where the teacher usually lives in the school building and knows all the children and their parents well. I have experience of such a school and the results are admirable. You do not get it in the national schools where teachers live at a distance and know no more of the children than they see in class.

But here I am generalizing. The upshot is that the evacuation has made hundreds of people feel that "something must be done" about our national schooling.

Nobody, one may believe, feels this more keenly than Earl De La Warr, the Minister of Education. So perhaps something will be done.

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Place Aux Dames

It is announced that Sir Victor Sassoon's race horses are being transferred to Newmarket, and as his racing manager, Mr. Clayton, is "joining up," the management and training of the horses is to be undertaken by the latter's daughter Miss Jane Clayton.

I also saw today that a girl (unfortunately I did not note her name) has been put in charge of all the Wimbledon tennis arrangements for next year. Here's a new sort of war work for women.

The best story of the week is of a young English dancer in Paris who was convicted of having killed her German husband. She was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, but the sentence was suspended under the First Offender's Act.

Truly the French sense of humour is inimitable.

About to Attack

The vegetables that this Land Army is going to produce are sure to be of the highest order, judging from the determined manner in which they are advancing on their work. They are boys from a school in Worthing about to prepare the ground for a new crop of greens.

Decline of the Sword

When Mr. Hore-Belisha began an answer to a question last week with the words "With the practical disappearance of the sword," he was announcing the last stages in a very gradual development. Writing of the House of Commons, Townsend noted, "One peculiarity of the daily dress [of members] survived the changes of three centuries—the habit of wearing swords at their sides; a custom which sometimes led to dangerous rencontres on days of stirring debate and after sharp altercation in the committee-rooms at their evening sitting." A famous passage in Sir P. Warwick's "Memoirs" related how, shortly before the Civil War, "we had catched at each other's locks and sheathed our swords in each other's bowels had not the sagacity and great calmness of Mr. Hampden . . . prevented it . . . ," a forecast of most decidedly "unparliamentary" conduct.

It is said to have been about 1720 when fine gentlemen gave up wearing swords for their strolls abroad in favour of the walking-stick; the carrying of an umbrella was as yet regarded as effeminate. Now, says Townsend, "custom has completely reconciled us to this useful appendage, and effeminacy can no more be imputed now to the bearer of an umbrella than valour would be argued of one who should attach to his side the rusty sword of the Puritan."

That passage may well have pleased John Bright, who was privileged to attend Levees swordless. Harcourt, dressing in a hurry, once forgot his sword, and was stopped. He pointed to Bright. "Mr. Bright is a Quaker," he was reminded. "So am I—today," said Harcourt, brushing past.

Knitting For the Sailors

Women Eager To Make a Start

London, Oct. 18.

In addition to its many highly important duties, the Admiralty has found time to give advice on knitting for the benefit of thousands of women who want to make garments for the Navy.

Many women who had read of the call for comforts for the Navy showed their desire to get to work by ringing the Admiralty to satisfy themselves on technical points, such as the size of needles required, thickness of wools and choice of designs. Women are expert knitters today and are anxious to do first-class work that will ensure the maximum of comfort for those who wear the garments.

Here are typical questions and answers which should enable knitters to make a start on one of the eight types of woollies urgently needed to keep the Navy warm this winter—gloves, mittens, wristlets, waterproof gauntlets, pullovers, seaboot stockings, scarves and Balaclava helmets.

Questions and Answers

Is it necessary to follow standardized patterns?

No. The Admiralty wants women to realize that as long as garments are warm and well-made, and are in navy blue (in every case except stockings, which are to be in natural wool), the choice of pattern is left to knitter at this stage.

If detailed knitting directions are needed, are official ones available?

Not yet. They will be, later. Meanwhile, the Admiralty approves the patterns for woollies for the Navy published by leading wool firms and obtainable at wool shops.

What are the best needles and wools to use?

These vary with the garment. In the case of the Balaclava helmets, for instance, which many women wish to make, four No. 6 knitting needles with points at both ends, and three-ply wool.

For seaboot stockings also use three ply wool and four No. 10 knitting needles with points at both ends.

If three-ply wool is used for mittens the correct needles will be four No. 11, with points at both ends.

Youthful

Suitable for a tall and graceful debutante is this gown of silk jersey, with a sparkling belt of "precious" stones.

Hints Given For Potted Meats

Here is the neatest way of removing the contents from tins of potted meat, sausage, veal loaf and other meats that do not "turn out" easily from the can. No need to dig them out with a knife.

When you have cut out the top of the can with your wheeled can-opener, cut out the bottom, too.

Now you can push the flat tin disk right through the can, and it will force the contents out in front of it.

Out comes the meat, unbroken, in the shape of the can, and not one fragment is left inside.

Wash Delay Hits Stockings

Cleaning Needed To Cut Wear

Delayed washing is the thing that causes stockings to wear out most quickly. They should be washed every time they are worn, because the silk is rotted by perspiration, dust and dirt. Also, the silk stretches with wearing, and washing closes the weave.

Soap should never be rubbed on the stockings. In fact, they should not be rubbed at all, just squeezed through the suds. For protection against the effects of perspiration and alkalies, the rinse should contain a tablespoon of vinegar. Don't hang stockings up to dry. They should be laid flat, for if they are hung up the water drips through and wears down the silk. And, of course, stockings should never be dried in the sun or near a radiator.

Medical Women of the R.A.M.C.

The Royal Army Medical Corps has taken a step forward in deciding that women doctors may be official members of the corps, holding military status, receiving the same pay as R.A.M.C. officers, and wearing badges of the rank allotted to them, though they may not hold the King's commission, and their uniform may be much the same as that of the Auxiliary Territorial Service. Women doctors will be addressed as "doctor," and it is supposed that women surgeons will be allowed to preserve the distinction between doctors and surgeons that prevails in civilian life and be addressed as "Miss."

Among the medical women who earned distinction during the last war, at home or abroad, one will remember Dr. Elsie Inglis, one of the founders of the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Serbia, who remained with the Serbian Army during the retreat, and Dame Louise McIlroy, head of the organization, who was in charge of a hospital in Macedonia and afterwards served with several other women on the staff of a British military hospital in Constantinople, where they were definitely regarded as members of the R.A.M.C. Miss Frances Ivens was surgeon in charge of the Scottish Women's Hospitals at Royaumont and Villers Cotteret from 1914 till 1919.

The War Office was slow to recognize the help that could be rendered by medical women, and it was regarded as a tribute to their work when Dr. Flora Murray and Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson were put in charge of the military hospital in Endell Street, which they conducted with great success. They had previously conducted a hospital for soldiers at Wimereux and then another in Paris.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

H.M. Services Golf Meeting

Army Defeats R. N. in Team Competition at Hungjao; Medal Cup to Capt. Saunders

IN fine weather at Hungjao yesterday, H.M. Services' golf meeting was held successfully with a fair distributions of honours. In the morning the cup for the best medal round was won by Capt. L. S. Saunders, R.N., with a net score of 74, while for second place a tie was seen between Lt.-Comdr. R. M. P. Skinner, R.N., and Lt.-Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray. All three finished with net scores of 74, the tie being decided on the last nine holes. Then in the team competition in the afternoon, the Army defeated the R.N. by a margin of 42 strokes.

The cup for the medal round competition in the morning was presented by the officers, R.N., while the cup for the ladies' medal round was presented by Maj. Gen. F. Keith Simmons and this latter trophy was won by Mrs. Keith-Simmons with a net score of 78. She was followed by Miss Joan Burton with a net score of 80.

The prizes for the Bogey Foursomes, silver cigarette boxes, were presented by the officers of the 2nd Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, and of the 1st Bn., The Seaforth Highlanders.

The inter-services contest was decided by the aggregates of the best six scores on handicap returned by the R.N. and the Army and the prize consisted of golf balls presented by the Committee of the Hungjao Golf Club.

The results were:

MEDAL ROUND

		H'cap	
Capt. L. S. Saunders R. N.	92	18	74
Lt. Comdr. R. M. P. Skinner R.N.	85	11	74
Lt. Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray	98	24	74
Maj. G. S. Rawstorne	95	18	77
Maj. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker	89	10	79
R. R. Hammond-Chambers	89	10	79

MEDAL ROUND (LADIES)

Mrs. Keith Simmons	114	36	78
Miss Joan Burton	116	36	80
Mrs. E. C. Gray	105	24	81

BOGEY FOURSOMES

Won by Maj. E. W. Kennedy and Capt. J. Thompson—1 up. 2nd.—Maj.-Gen. F. Keith Simmons and R. H. Farquhar; Capt. L. A. Saunders R. N. and Mrs. Garcoigne; R. R. Hammond-Chambers and Mrs. Ham all square.

PUTTING COMPETITION

Won by Maj. E. W. Kennedy; 2nd.—Lieut. H. Brooke R.N.; 3rd.-Capt. J. E. Marsh, Mrs. Wolfe-Murray, R. R. Hammond Chambers and C. H. Grigg.

INTER-SERVICE TEAM CONTEST

Won by Army Team:—

		H'cap	
Lt. Col. R. A. Wolfe Murray	98	24	74
Maj. G. S. Rawstorne	95	18	77
R. R. Hammond Chambers	93	14	79
Maj. J. R. Mackintosh Walker	89	10	79
Maj. W. Macfarlane	97	17	80
Capt. J. E. Marsh	80	Scr.	80

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Scratch Prize.—Capt. J. E. Marsh.—80.

Marine Engineers' Cup Match

Special Arrangements for Important Football Game On Boxing Day

Special facilities are being arranged by the Shanghai Football Association to handle the crowds at the various gates on the day of the Marine Engineers' Charity Cup match to take place on Boxing Day, December 26, at the Canidrome between the all-star Foreign and Chinese teams.

In order to avoid crushing at the gates, tickets will be on sale as from today at the S.F.A. secretary's office, Room 4B, 119 Nanking Road, during office hours and at the Canidrome on days when Association matches are being played this and next week-end. Holders of $1.10 tickets purchased in advance may gain admission through the gate in Rue Lafayette which will be open to players and officials.

A special gate will also be provided for holders of 60 cents tickets bought in advance, in Route des Sieyes.

In order to avoid undue delay and to enable promptness in purchasing tickets spectators are requested to come with the exact amount of their purchase as no change will be given or made in any circumstance.

Selectors' Task Hard

The Foreign team will again be managed by Stan Gash and the players selected will be announced probably next Monday. The selectors have a number of choices as the candidates are more or less of equal standard. The choice of a goalkeeper is most difficult since Willie Ward of the Police, Boissezon of A.S.F. and Atkinson of the Seaforths have all shown good form this season.

Collet, now in the French Forces, and Harrison of the Surreys did extremely well in the last charity contest and should retain their positions in the Boxing Day tussle. In the half line Segalen of A.S.F., Jelly of

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Well Saved

Goalkeeper Jones of the Details frustrates a scoring attempt.

the Surreys and Jim Ward of A.S.F. are logical choices. As for the forward line, it can be either five service men in Parr and McClarty of the Surreys, Spiers, Duncan and Thomson of the Seaforths or five civilians in Foyn of S.F.X., Symons of the Recs, Roboostoff and Bossuet of A.S.F. and Aldeguer of the Recs. Symons and Aldeguer played a fine game for the Recs last Sunday against Lido and they quite deserve to be included in the line-up.

The Chinese team will also be picked within these few days, with Lido as the nucleus.

Teeing Off Times At Seekingjao

The Shanghai Golf Club has arranged the following schedule of teeing off times this week-end at Seekingjao.

SUNDAY

8.32 Jourdin, Clements
8.38 Appelboom, Pratt
8.44 Jarvis, Jacobs/Hartnett, Barrett
8.52 Barry, MacAllister
8.56 Grubb, Farnham
9.04 Neumann, Ashworth
9.08 Drysdale, Dickson
9.12 Clark, Brown/Smith, Cox
9.24 Huggett, Carson
9.28 Thomson, Brooks/Parry, Bell
9.36 McCutcheon, Scott
9.44 Vice President
9.48 MacFarlane, MacFarlane
9.52 Snow, Russell/President
10.04 Rigden, Henderson
10.08 Blackwood, Pearson
10.12 Saphiere, Glass/Bone, Cantopher
10.24 Brister, Smith
10.28 Piper, Fulstow/Martin, Black
10.36 Jensen, Reierstad/Openshaw, Judd
10.48 Mrs. Fulstow, Miss Barnett
12.04 Gummey, Mrs. Gluckauf
12.08 King, Sawyer/Evelie, Berthier

SATURDAY

12.28 Gummey, Mrs. Gluckauf
12.32 Jensen, Partner/Schinazi, Partner
12.44 Bordwell, Steen/Turton, Graham
12.52 Jones, Beeman/Piper, Smith
1.04 Appelboom, Bowken
1.08 Ewing, Paterson/Chalmers, Scott
1.16 Vice President/Smith, McCants
1.28 Jourdin, Clements
1.32 Brisk, Drysdale
1.36 Drysdale, Jacobs/Brooks, Farnham
1.48 Evans, Bell/Grubb, Widdup
1.56 Barry, Thomson
2.04 President/Openshaw, Brown
2.12 Reierstad, Neumann (4 Ball)
2.16 Saphiere, Dwyer (4 Ball)
2.24 Kelen, Vajda (4 Ball)
2.28 Breen, Brooke/Deegan, Burnett
2.36 McCutcheon, Bone

Saints Football XI

S.F.X. will play against the Seaforths in a 1st Division League game on Saturday, December 16, at 3 pm. on Race Course Ground No. 1. The line-up will be as follows:—

Kabbert, S. Schultz, Laskovsky, Tuttelman, Greenberg, Edwards, Foyn, Dimetriu, Petterson, K. Schultz, M. Karolitch.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Our Bert; 2, Rio Princess.
Also ran:—Gay Lad, Rocket, Drummock Belle, Adowa.
4 lengths.—Time, 18.24.
Win, $14.00. Forecast (5-6) Div. $31.30.
Place, 1st $5.80; 2nd $5.50.

2—300 yd. flat.—1, Red Terror; 2, Brilliant Star.
Also ran:—Ah Liang, L'Ousta Ni, Hei Jen Ya Kiao, Don't Fool.
1 length.—Time, 18.46.
Win, $14.00. Forecast (3-4) Div. $82.90.
Place, 1st $8.30; 2nd $9.30.
Double Event 1/2 (5-3) Div. $23.00.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Silvoreen; 2, Warrenfield.
Also ran:—Jorrock's Best, Cannon Fire, Little Moira, Cute Vagabond.
Short head.—Time, 26.78.
Win, $24.50. Forecast (1-3) Div. $150.90.
Double, 1st $11.70; 2nd $18.90.
Double Event 2/3 (3-1) Div. $49.30.

4—300 yd. flat.—1, Dopey; 2, Arrow.
Also ran:—Bowster Boy, Princeton, Slippery Sam, Vita Spermin.
6 lengths.—Time, 30.91.
Win, $15.30. Forecast (6-2) Div. $118.30.
Place, 1st $8.60; 2nd $16.30.
Double Event 3/4 (1-6) Div. $76.20.

5—300 yd. flat.—1, Wild Flower; 2, Se You Kee.
Also ran:—Impudence, Boxing Fan, Aldyn Wild, Reality.
A neck.—Time, 31.05.
Win, $18.70. Forecast (2-2) Div. $41.90.
Place, 1st $7.10; 2nd $6.00.
Double Event 4/5 (6-2) Div. $28.10.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Mascot Major; 2, Grayzeb.
Also ran:—Buckhurst Hill, Shenkoland II, Luhai Lily, Zayelong.
1 length.—Time, 30.76.
Win, $32.20. Forecast (6-3) Div. $194.80.
Place, 1st $14.20; 2nd $16.70.
Double Event 5/6 (2-6) Div. $45.30.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Shanghai Shroff; 2, Triumphant Tom.
Also ran:—Our Hope, Jacinthe, Assurance, Lone Tess.
1 length.—Time, 30.32.
Win, $30.50. Forecast (4-5) Div. $125.40.
Place, 1st $15.60; 2nd $15.70.
Double Event 6/7 (6-4) Div. $58.30.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Celadon; 2, Bowsterman.
Also ran:—Lucky Polly, Sweet Moon, Maid of Honour, Big Shot.
3 lengths.—Time, 30.22.
Win, $16.80. Forecast (5-4) Div. $74.00.
Place, 1st $10.60; 2nd $11.00.
Double Event 7/8 (4-5) Div. $41.90.

9—300 yd. flat.—1, Tolisman; 2, D.H. Flash Vixen and Olympia.
Also ran:—Mars, Our Fortune, Neptune.
3 lengths, Dead heat.—Time, 30.03.
Win, $29.70. Forecast (5-2 and 5-6) Div. $56.50 and $36.10.
Place, 1st $6.60; 2nd $5.60 and $5.50.
Double Event 8/9 (5-5) Div. $53.60.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Peeress; 2, Pearlman.
Also ran:—Bethany, Chilly Eve, Red Bug, Woodstock Robin.
½ length.—Time, 29.67.
Win, $57.40. Forecast (4-3) Div. $517.20.
Place, 1st $24.80; 2nd $29.60.
Double Event 9/10 (5-4) Div. $114.90.

11—300 yd. flat.—1, Bellrock; 2, Felicity.
Also ran:—Black Satin, Inverspey, Mary Dale, Open Banner.
Short head.—Time, 29.57.
Win, $41.40. Forecast (5-3) Div. $105.80.
Place, 1st $26.80; 2nd $11.40.
Double Event 10/11 (4-6) Div. $109.40.

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East Surreys Put Ball in Details' Net

In a friendly hockey game at the Race Course, Area Details defeated the East Surreys by the odd goal in three. The picture shows the Details losing the first goal to their opponents. Goal-keeper Jones was beaten while Clevely, middle, and Allen the right back look at the ball in the net.

Marine Pair Win Bowling Title

Fine Team Triple of 691 Puts Fiori and Dolinsek In Top Position

Scoring a remarkable triple of 691 in the third and final round, Fiori and Dolinsek, the two Marine bowlers, overtook T. Butler and Al Huebner to win the Shanghai Men's Doubles Duck Pins championship at the Race Club last night. The new title-holders amassed a nine-game total of 1,968 as against the runners-up's 1,950.

Fiori and Dolinsek fared evenly, the former netting 349 and the latter only seven pins less. They finished fifth in the first round and rose to second in the second one.

Two teams were tied for third honours, Squires and Hilden counteren 1,901 while Deegan and Klovekorn turned in a similar score. Hebel and Dalton, making 1,862, took fifth place while Xavier and Maitland took a big jump from fourteenth to sixth with a fine triple of 653 in the final session. Maitland chalked up last night's best single of 138.

Complete results of the 26 pairs who finished were:—

Fiori	109	120	120	349
Dolinsek	130	97	115	342
				—1963
Huebner	92	102	109	310
Butler	104	118	110	332
				—1950
Squires	98	104	100	302
Hilden	107	121	102	330
				—1901
Deegan	102	110	116	328
Klovekorn	91	105	112	308
				—1901
Hebel	95	122	89	306
Dalton	101	101	91	293
				—1862
Xavier	78	108	130	316
Maitland	85	114	138	337
				—1856
Gonsalves	94	92	94	280
Kleffel	113	99	97	309
				—1851
Ashley	112	104	130	336
Davis	100	90	86	276
				—1850
Henningsen	100	98	120	318
Gray	101	84	99	284
				—1843
Childress	98	87	93	278
Rozier	110	87	93	290
				—1832
Huggett	105	115	96	316
Eisenhut	106	83	89	278
				—1829
Williams	97	99	120	316
Mudry	134	96	92	322
				—1811
Keyes	93	89	114	296
Boyle	127	97	120	344
				—1792
Cardwell	79	116	100	295
Bourne	106	108	96	310
				—1792
Allen	80	82	96	258
Winecoff	92	89	107	288
				—1783
Kimball	98	85	89	272
Bordwell	90	85	99	274
				—1788
McDougal	111	108	107	336
Blais	128	92	104	324
				—1785
Watton	91	108	93	292
L. C. Kew	88	86	94	268
				—1782
Swan	98	104	98	300
P. Bojesen	123	97	96	316
				—1768
Carson	114	103	92	309
Krause	95	95	81	271
				—1749
Cone	89	90	83	262
Jacobs	96	93	111	300
				—1743
Chanturai	89	92	108	289
Dobrenky	93	110	101	304
				—1721
Souter	97	108	90	295
Cuthbert	96	99	96	291
				—1718
A. B. Cox	92	103	84	279
T. Belknap Jr.	99	88	95	282
				—1711
Piper	97	86	96	279
Appelboom	96	112	82	290
				—1705
Picozzi	106	96	93	295
Coulcher	94	93	108	295
				—1702

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International Table Tennis to Begin

Many Entries for Contest; First Week's Schedule

The game of table tennis which has aroused considerable interest among both foreign and Chinese sports community will be in full swing next Monday when the International Competition sponsored by the local International Table Tennis Association gets under way.

Because of the large number of entries the league will cover a period of more than three months. The East Surreys, who participated in the spring tournament, are notable absentees in this winter contest. The following is the schedule for the first week.

Monday, Dec. 18:—Sun Yih *v.* Chien Lee at 349 Ningpo Road, 7.30 p.m.; Chung Ching *v.* Betar "B" at 502 Weihaiwei Road, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19:—"Y" Monarchs *v.* Kung Hwa Hwa at Foreign "Y," 6.45 p.m.; Doong Ya *v.* Chen Bo "B" at Foreign "Y," 7 p.m.; Gian Woo *v.* Nanyang "B" at 699 Szechuen Road, 7 p.m.; Menorah *v.* Fuh Tan at Foreign "Y," 8.30 p.m.; Franco Chinois *v.* Fireign "P" "B" at Foreign "Y," 8.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20:—Telephones *v.* Hwa Yee "B" at 460 Fukien Road, 7 p.m.; J.R.C. Girls *v.* Y.W.C.A. Girls at 969 Bubbling Well Road, 7.30 p.m.; Wing On *v.* Lin Chin at 491 Markham Road, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21:—Glen Woo "A" *v.* Wey Yar "C" at 699 Szechuen Road, 7 p.m.; Hwa Lien *v.* Chen Bo "A" at Foreign "Y," 7 p.m.; J.R.C. "B" *v.* St. Georges at Foreign "Y," 8.30 p.m.; Nanyang "A" *v.* Wey Yar "B" at Foreign "Y," 8.45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22:—Ching Fong *v.* Sokol at 888 Weihaiwei Road, 8 p.m.

Rowing Club Teams

The following will represent the Rowing Club in a Second Division league match against the French Forces on Saturday at 3 p.m. on the Recs Ground, players to meet at the Rowing Club at 2.15 p.m.

A. C. Sinclair, H. G. Fabian, H. E. Pether, W. V. K. Chadwick, G. Harrison, L. G. Shellam, R. C. J. Harris, S. M. Thornley, G. W. Jenssen, A. R. Cunio, E. J. Muir.

The following will represent the Oarsmen in their match against the Hotspurs in the Junior Cup to be played on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. on the R.G. 5 ground, players to meet at the Rowing Club at 2.00 p.m.

W. O. Franklin, R. A. Dodd, H. B. McLean, J. Watson, R. A. Burn, S. Ward, P. St. Louis, A. Harvey, S. Martin, J. Duinker, D. Fraser. Reserves: R. J. Weatherhead, T. Huxley, D. Kempton.

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Ladies Duckpin Champions

Mrs. Malleck, Mrs. Collaco Win as Former Leaders Weaken on Last Night

Mrs. A. Malleck and Mrs. T. Collaco captured the Shanghai Ladies Doubles Duck Pins championship at the Columbia Country Club yesterday when Mrs. Tate and Miss Baptista, leaders in the first two rounds, failed to make a strong finish. The new champions, who were 23 pins behind before yesterday's play, did well to score a combined triple of 615 and pile up an aggregate of 1,755.

Scoring a high triple of 629, Mrs. Vines and Mrs. Cardwell jumped from sixth to second place while third honours were taken by Misses McIntyre and Hykes. Mrs. Vines and Mrs. Cardwell finished only eight pins behind the winners.

The full results were:—

Mrs. Malleck	119	93	101	313
Mrs. Collaco	99	103	100	302
				—1755
Mrs. Vines	115	108	98	321
Mrs. Cardwell	103	107	98	308
				—1747
Miss McIntyre	95	92	114	301
Miss Hykes	97	87	102	286
				—1721
Mrs. Schuster	89	98	95	282
Mrs. Dalton	93	108	95	296
				—1716
Mrs. Tate	86	83	82	251
Miss Baptista	103	81	92	276
				—1630
Mrs. Kwok	82	79	110	271
Mrs. Evans	96	111	84	291
				—1639
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	103	108	90	301
Mrs. Prince	93	99	88	280
				—1664
Mrs. Bristow	83	104	91	278
Mrs. Geibel	100	92	91	283
				—1656
Mrs. Gray III	104	106	90	300
Miss Picozzi	88	86	95	269
				—1619
Mrs. Johnston	88	99	95	282
Mrs. Kuhn	91	104	87	282
				—1615
Mrs. Putnam	84	89	100	273
Mrs. Hale	96	104	94	294
				—1614
Mrs. Huebner	81	90	84	255
Mrs. Jensen	89	81	82	252
				—1589
Mrs. Davis	97	108	97	302
Mrs. Gregor	85	89	87	261
				—1573
Mrs. Ryan	98	82	80	260
Mrs. Barrett	91	88	93	272
				—1517
Mrs. Bowern	78	85	74	237
Miss Jackson	84	92	88	264
				—1510

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Rowing Club Beat British Army

Surprise Results in 2nd Division Squash; Y.M.C.A. Trounced by Bank

The biggest surprise in yesterday evening's junior division squash league results was the defeat of the British Army team by the Rowing Club the latter taking three games out of the five played. Of the other games of the day, the Bank won by four matches to nil over the Foreign Y.M.C.A. on the latter's court the fifth match being postponed, while the Race Club "B" proved too good for the Columbia Country Club by five straight games.

In connection with the surprising result at the Rowing Club, R. Dickinson the Rowing Club first string brought off a very fine day's play taking the measure of Captain J. S. Powell in three straight games. A. B. Wilkinson defeated D. L. Henderson in four hardfought games and R. Stapleton-Cotton won his match three straight from A. H. Newton thereby ensuring victory for the Rowing Club side. This defeat will put the Army well back as they were favoured to win the second division title this year.

The Race Club had a fairly easy time at the expense of the Columbians and the Hongkong Bank had little difficulty in winning from the Foreign Y.M.C.A. junior side.

RACE CLUB "B" 5, COLUMBIA C.C. 0
J. R. Jacob defeated R. Gould, 9-4, 9-3, 9-4.
A. G. Norman defeated J. R. Reed, 9-2, 9-4, 9-2.
A. V. Striker defeated F. R. Nance, 9-4, 4-9, 9-0, 9-2.
G. Talbot defeated L. Reierstad, 9-2, 9-6, 9-0.
J. S. Flood defeated H. Bernard, 9-2, 9-6, 9-0.

H. & S.B.C. 4, FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. "B" 0
W. R. McCutcheon defeated S. T. Berglof, 9-3, 9-1, 10-8.
W. H. B. Rigg defeated E. J. Sluis 9-6, 5-9, 9-5, 4-9, 10-8.
M. W. Turner defeated A. E. Lawrence, 9-5, 9-4, 9-6.
J. Hall defeated A. E. Oliviera, 9-2, 4-9, 9-6, 6-9, 9-7.
N. J. Stabb and M. Botelho yet to play.

ROWING CLUB "B" 3, ARMY 2
R. Dickinson defeated J. S. Powell, 9-3, 9-2, 9-0.
E. P. Morphew lost to J. R. Cole, 5-9, 1-9, 0-9.
A. B. Wilkinson defeated D. L. Henderson, 10-8, 10-8, 2-9, 10-8.
T. O. Schmid lost to J. E. Marsh, 0-9, 10-8, 8-10, 8-10.
R. Stapleton-Citton defeated A. H. Newton, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7.

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Chinese Forces Claim Advance In Hupeh Border Fighting

Drives in Hunan and North Kiangsi Said Making Progress; Japanese-recruited Troops Cross Over

Chungking, Dec. 14.

CHINESE forces converging on Tungcheng, a strategic town on the highway near the Hupeh-Hunan border, engaged the Japanese in the suburbs of the town on the night of December 12, according to Chinese dispatches received here today.

The Chinese are said to have stormed the walled city on the following morning. They are reported at present to be attacking Tungcheng from the north and south.

Chinese troops, who occupied Tsungyang, the dispatches continue, are moving southwards on Tungcheng, while units north of Pingkiang are pushing northward, also in the direction of the town.

Chinese forces in North Kiangsi, who crossed the Ching River, are said at present to be advancing to the north and east.

Other Chinese troops south-east of Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, the reports declare, on the night of December 12 launched an attack on a Japanese position on the west bank of the Fu River.

Chinese forces in central Hupeh, they state, crossed the Han River at several points on the morning of December 12, and are converging on Chungtsiang, a strategic city on the east bank of the Han River, north-west of Hankow.

Chinese troops in North Hupeh, west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, the reports add, started an advance in the direction of Suihsien and Yingshan on December 12 and 13.

Fighting is said to be going on at points north and west of the two towns.—Reuter.

Wang Troops Desert

The Chinese "victories" in southern Fukien are interpreted by the Chinese military spokesman as a "complete collapse of the first attempt of troops under Mr. Wang Ching-wei to take the field against National Government forces."

In the course of his weekly review of the Sino-Japanese war, the spokesman declares that General Huang Ta-wei, supporter of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, with General Ling Chih-yuan as his Chief-of-Staff, attempted to capture Chaoan, but were defeated by Chinese forces.

The spokesman claims that the defeat of the "puppet" troops was partly brought about by the fact that part of the "puppet" division joined the National Government army during battle.

"This action by the puppet troops," the spokesman asserts, "demonstrates the futility of Japanese plans of using Chinese against Chinese."—Reuter.

"Winter Offensive" Checked

Nanking, Dec. 14.

Chinese efforts to disrupt Japanese military land and water communications in Central China in preparation for a projected general "winter offensive" were being systematically checked, Japanese military authorities here asserted today.

These attempts to impede Japanese rail and other traffic, they said, were being made by Chinese vanguard units, as the main Chinese forces were beginning to move into positions for a contemplated attack.

Three factors, however, were disrupting Chinese plans, Japanese officers said. They were:

1. Poorly-trained troops
2. A lack of sufficient equipment and supplies, and
3. Poor communications with the rear.

Five hundred Kwangsi troops, the Japanese officers said, had become active near Anking for three days beginning December 4. Attacked by the Japanese forces, they quickly fled, leaving 20 dead, while 20 others were taken prisoner according to the Japanese authorities.

Communists Crushed

Communist irregulars, who also showed activity on December 4 along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, were effectively crushed two days later. They left 246 dead behind, while six were taken prisoner.

Japanese losses in this action were three killed, it was stated here.

On December 8, the officers continued, a regiment of the 68rd Chinese Division made its appearance near Kintan, north-east of Wutsin on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, but was quickly repulsed. Dead left behind by the Chinese numbered 150.

A "warm reception" was accorded a regiment of the 33rd Chinese Independent Brigade on December 9 as it resorted to infiltration tactics near Wutsin, also in Yangtze delta. The Chinese, the Japanese officers said, fled in confusion leaving 80 dead, while seven were taken prisoner.—Domei.

Hunan Base Bombed

A Japanese Naval Air Base, Dec. 14.

Repeating a raid of December 11 a Japanese naval air squadron attacked Siangki, an important Chinese army base in Hunan, at noon yesterday.

Heavy bombs were dropped on military establishments, munitions dumps and godowns. The raid was completed despite severe anti-aircraft fire. Fires were started by the bombing. All the planes returned safely.—Domei.

Progress in South

Canton, Dec. 14.

"Marked progress" was made during November by the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China, a communique issued here today claimed.

During the month, the Japanese troops engaged an aggregate of 41,000 Chinese effectives in combat, inflicting upon them losses of 9,907 killed, the announcement said. Prisoners taken numbered 1,087.

Japanese casualties, throughout the month numbered "less than 200," according to the communique.

Booty captured totalled 24 horses, 24 motorcars, 21 motor lorries, 10 trench mortars, 28 heavy and 92 light machine guns, 1,439 rifles, 34 pistols, 218,284 rounds of rifle ammunition, 71,340 rounds of machine-gun ammunition, 6,530 bayonets, and large quantities of other arms and ammunition, the announcement added.

Heavy damage was inflicted upon Chinese military establishments and stores by the army air force which was also active during November, the communique asserted.—Domei.

New Railway to Be Open In South China

Strategic Line Connects Kweilin, Liuchow

Chungking, Dec. 14.

The newly-completed railway connecting Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, with Liuchow, a strategic city in South Kwangsi, will be formally opened for passenger and freight traffic on December 15, according to the "Central Daily News," official organ of the Chinese Government, today.

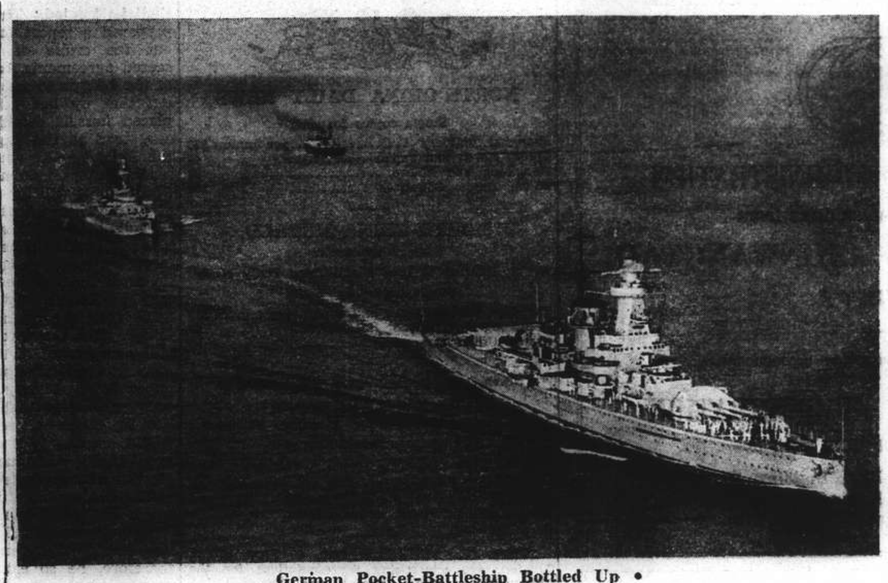
The news is of particular interest, it is pointed out here, since the new railway will greatly facilitate the transportation of Chinese troops and supplies into South Kwangsi for the "forthcoming battle at Nanning."

So far, a railway has only been operating between Hengyang and Kweilin, while transportation on the section between Kweilin and Liuchow has been relying on motor-trucks on the highway, which is inadequate for transportation of large numbers of troops and supplies.

It was originally intended to extend the railway from Liuchow to Nanning for the purpose of establishing a through-train service to Hanoi, in French Indo-China. Plans, however, have been frustrated at present on account of the Japanese occupation of Nanning.—Reuter.

Shots Exchanged as Suspects are Halted

An exchange of shots took place at 4.30 o'clock yesterday morning in Zung Chih Li, off Canton Road, when a Chinese sergeant attached to the Louza Station challenged three suspicious characters. One of the men opened fire and the sergeant responded with shots. No one is believed to have been wounded.



German Pocket-Battleship Bottled Up

The German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, now bottled-up in the inner harbour of Montevideo, in South America, with three British cruisers waiting outside. The Admiral Graf Spee fought a two-days running battle with the cruisers, which carried much lighter armament, and managed to reach a neutral port badly damaged, and carrying thirty-six dead and sixty wounded. In the fight the British cruiser Exeter was also damaged.

Reich Grain Stocks In Bad Condition

Investigation Ordered; Reserves Resorted to Earlier Than Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

The effects of the Allied blockade and the failure on the part of Soviet Russia to deliver even one-fifth of the grain supplies promised, have compelled Germany to resort to her grain reserves earlier than she expected, according to the Trieste correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

Stocks stored in churches, synagogues and emergency warehouses, he says, have been found to be in a very bad condition.

Depots in Hamburg, Berlin and Nuremberg are said to be so bad that an investigation has been ordered throughout the country. It is alleged to have revealed that ten per cent. of the emergency stocks are affected.

All grain stored more than half a year is, therefore, being handed out before it becomes wholly unfit for consumption, the correspondent claims. Hence the rescission of the Government order that bread must contain a minimum of three per cent. of potato flour. The German public, however, he adds, is being told that these extra supplies are due to the fact that warehouses are overflowing with stocks.—Reuter.

German Industry Weakened

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

"The Economist" draws attention to the vast increase in private capital issues in Germany since the outbreak of the war.

Total industrial capital issues since the end of August, the journal declares, considerably exceed 600,000,000 Reichsmarks for railways, whereas private industrial issues during the whole year of 1938 only amounted to 107,000,000 Reichsmarks.

In the opinion of "The Economist," this development is very important. It shows, the journal comments, that the existing reserve capacity of German industry is almost exhausted, especially the electricity industry and the rolling-stock of railways. Renewals, replacements and extensions, so long delayed, are now unavoidable and divert extensive resources to large-scale capital works.

The controlled policy of the direct state financing of necessary industrial projects has been abandoned, "The Economist" adds. Nazi extremists have thus been defeated, says the journal and the capital market has been freed for private industrialists.—Reuter.

Admiral Yarnell Shows Way to China Peace

Three Point Programme Put Forward by ex-C.-in-C.

New York, Dec. 4.

Rear-Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, former Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, today, in an address before the Students Association, said that there were three vital factors that must be recognized in any settlement of the present Sino-Japanese conflict.

These factors he declared to be, first: a stable, independent China; second: subordination of the power of the Japanese army and navy to the civil government; and third: the assurance to Japan that threre will be no discrimination against her goods and no denial to her access to raw materials.—Havas.

Japanese Goodwill 'Plane Leaves Hanoi

Osaka, Dec. 14.

Homeward-bound after a three-day stay at Hanoi, the Japanese Airways Company airliner Yamato left the Indo-China city at 10.23 o'clock this morning for Canton, the Communications Bureau here announced this morning. The plane will stop at Canton. The Yamato left Bangkok on Monday after a goodwill visit to Thai.—Domei.

Reich Tries to Increase Exports to Baltics

Kaunas, Dec. 14.

Germany is making great efforts to increase her exports to the Baltic states, following the institution of the Allied stoppage of her overseas exports.

Lithuania is inundated with offers of German goods, but the Reich's clearing system works unfavourably for the Baltic countries, who want raw materials and foreign curency, as well as German manufactured goods, in exchange for agricultural products.—Reuter.

Japan-U.S. Talks in Peiping Uncertain

No Parallel Negotiations With Those in Tokyo Being Contemplated

Peiping, Dec. 14.

Mr. Sotomatsu Kato, Japanese Minister-at-large to China, today said he "may" meet Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador, during his stay in Peiping. He denied, however, that he would discuss "any particular question" with the American envoy.

The Japanese diplomat, who arrived here by aeroplane yesterday from Nanking, also denied that he was on "any special mission."

American-Japanese relations, Mr. Kato declared, had taken "a turn for the better with the removal of the causes for their aggravation." The situation between Japan and the United States was at its worst in July, he added.

Abundant Possibilities

Possibilities for the conclusion of a new Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between America and Japan, to replace that which will expire on January 26, were "abundant," he stated. "It is natural that we should endeavour to negotiate a new treaty, although, of course, we should not neglect preparations to meet a situation where we should be without a treaty," he added.

Mr. Kato said there was no question on which negotiations between the United States and Japan had to be conducted in China parallel to the general conversations on American-Japanese relations now going on in Tokyo.

The Japanese diplomatic authorities, he continued, were making preparations to adjust their organization to meet the situation arising from the establishment of a new Central Government of China.

"Nothing definite has yet been decided, however," he remarked.

Mr. Kato said he intended to spend about a week in Peiping interviewing various people.—Domei.

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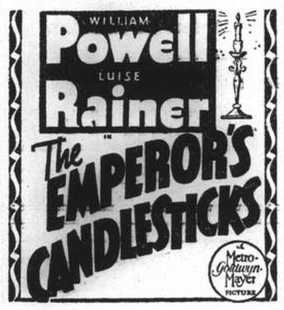

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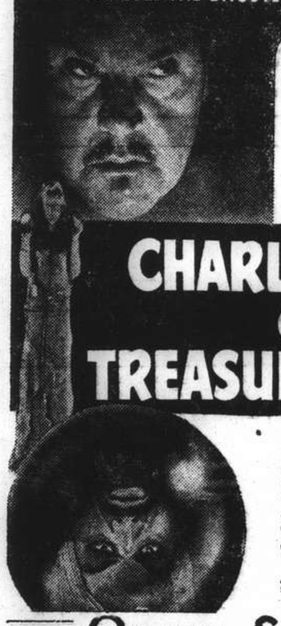

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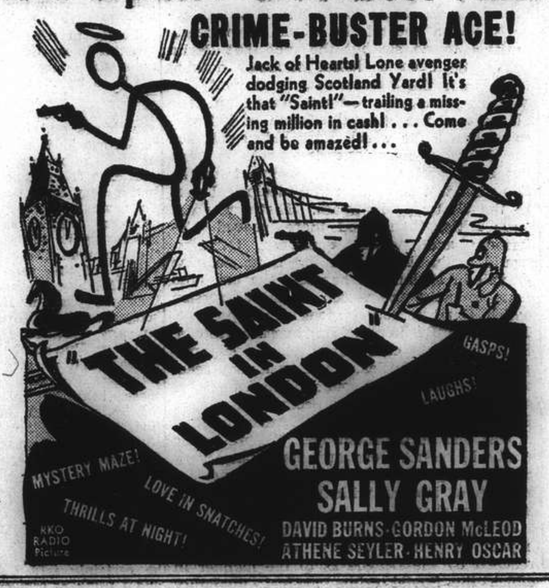

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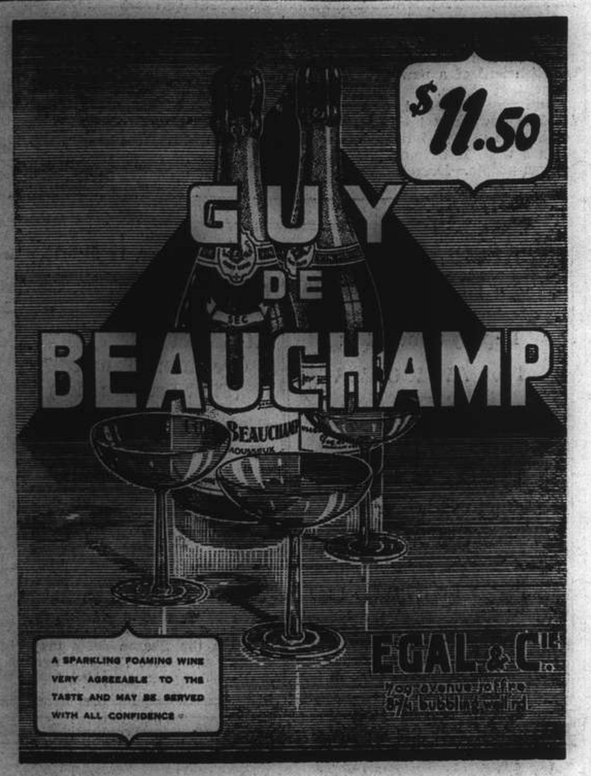
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FINLAND FIGHTS ON

After a fortnight's fighting Finland has proved that she is well able to put up a stiff resistance to the Soviet invasion, and though by sheer weight of numbers the Red armies appear to have made some sort of advance into Finland, they have not yet made sufficient headway to bring them into general contact with the Finnish Mannerheim line. In the Karelian peninsula the Russians have been held up successfully, and whatever progress they may have made towards Viborg has proved to be small. In the lake area little or no advance has been achieved, while further north, about the middle of Finland's eastern boundary the Soviet high command has made a determined push westwards in the hope of dividing Finland in two, but has met with a resistance which holds the invading forces at Suomusalmi about twenty miles inside the Finnish border, and about 110 miles from Uleaborg near the top of the Gulf of Bothnia which appears to be the Russian objective, and the reaching of which would mean the cutting off of southern Finland from Sweden. Fighting is also proceeding north of Suomusalmi, at Kuolajarvi and of course around Petsamo, which even now the Soviet forces have failed to reduce. It is true that the Russians have occupied the islands which M. Stalin desires in the Gulf of Finland, but it was no part of the Finnish command's scheme to dissipate its forces in an endeavour to protect them, for there is still much serious fighting to be done on the mainland, where, before hostilities are concluded, every man will be needed. The only explanation of the failure of the Soviet forces to make greater progress towards the conquest of Finland, which now seems by no means so certain as it did a fortnight ago, is that Moscow has been using inferior troops, some brought all the way from Asia, and that in the near future crack regiments will be thrown into the affray. That explanation may or may not be the correct one, though the world has seen several examples in recent years in which warring countries have sent a boy to do a man's job, and if it is proved that Moscow completely underestimated the Finnish potentiality for resistance it would not be the only government which has made the same mistake regarding its foes.

With approximately 600,000 men defending an 800 mile front it will be realized that the Finns are faced with a task of very considerable magnitude, and the fact that they have done so well speaks volumes for their courage, and determination to defend their homeland. In the meantime it is important to note that schemes for assisting the Finns are being rapidly formulated, and the news that Great Britain and France, as well as Italy and Sweden are preparing to render material aid in the nature of war supplies is heartily welcomed. The strengthening of the Finnish air force by the despatch of machines from Britain, France, and Italy should prove a most helpful factor. That Germany now denies that she has been rendering assistance to Finland is of importance. As a neutral she would be perfectly entitled to do so, but the fact that Berlin has made such a denial indicates nothing more than the existence of a fear of displeasing M. Stalin. On the other hand it is all part of the general scheme of betrayal in exchange for which Herr Hitler obtained the infamous non-aggression pact. It must not be forgotten that Finnish-Soviet hostilities rank just as much as an ideological war, as the civil war in Spain. That for which Herr Hitler then stood there proved victorious, and, while, doubtless, Germany would again like to see the same doctrine prevail in Finland, it has sold the pass and fears to assist the victim of the aggression which German action alone made possible. The sight of Berlin remaining inactive while M. Stalin seeks to consolidate Russian supremacy in the Baltic Sea, tragic as it may seem to the German naval command, is interesting as demonstrating how completely Herr Hitler has surrendered the German position in east and northern Europe. Failure in the west will reduce Germany's importance very considerably, for she is abandoning her spheres of interest without hope of recoupment elsewhere.

It is possible that by the time these lines appear in print a decision will have been reached by the League as to the manner in which the Soviet crime against humanity shall be treated. The special committee has prepared a report for the Assembly setting out the crime of Moscow's violation of sacred agreements, calling for each member of the League to assist Finland, and pointing out that by her action Soviet Russia has placed herself outside the Covenant. That may lead to the expulsion of Russia from the League, and while that may not have much present influence upon the policies of M. Stalin, it will for all time affix the stigma of guilt for unprovoked aggression upon the Kremlin. In these very cynical days, there is a tendency to believe that there is nothing in such a moral gesture as expulsion of Russia from the League would be. That belief may be erroneously held by people who think they are taking the realistic view of things. But the forces of good are just as real as those of evil, and even if for the moment the latter appear to have gained the upper hand, history has shown, time and time again, that right does in the long run prevail. Such a resolution of expulsion would amount to a unanimous endorsement of all that the League stands for, and though for the moment it is under a cloud, it cannot be denied that it still represents all those ideals for which men of good faith are still willing to work and die. The expelling of the Soviet from membership would not, therefore, be so empty a gesture as some people would appear to think. No confession of faith can ever be, for even if it merely inspires the Finns in their struggle against an alien tyranny it will have served a useful purpose. Important as that may be, the appeal to members to give every assistance possible to Finland is even more so. To some extent that has already been forestalled by the action of some of the countries named above, and if more assistance can be forthcoming it may yet be shown that a small nation can stand firmly against a larger one and prove successful.

Admiral von Spee Engaged

It is gratifying to learn that the British Navy has not been over long in picking up traces of the German pocket battleship Admiral von Spee and that as a result of an action between that vessel and H.M. cruisers Achilles, Ajax and Exeter the German ship has been obliged to take refuge in Montevideo. It remains to be seen whether she will be able to leave the port within the twenty-four hours permitted, for if she does not she will be interned until the end of the war. H.M.S. Achilles which is normally with the New Zealand fleet, joined the Ajax and Exeter of the West Indian squadron in the search for Admiral von Spee, and, though they were inferior in gun-power to the German battleship, it was believed that if she were tackled by three cruisers they would be able to inflict considerable damage upon her, though they might in turn receive much harm. According to Admiralty reports Exeter was damaged and forced out of action after a four hour battle, while it is repeated that the Admiral von Spee was hit repeatedly and was seeking the sanctuary of the River Plate. It still remains to be seen whether the Admiral von Spee is sufficiently damaged to force her commander to intern the vessel, while should he on the other hand endeavour to run for it in an attempt to escape, the Ajax and Achilles may confidently be expected to deal with her. It is an idle pursuit counting chickens before they are hatched, but should the action of Punta del Este result in the immobilization of the German pocket battleship, a naval success will have been achieved equal to the running down and destruction of the Emden at Cocos Island on November 9, 1914, three months after the commencement of the last war, the Admiral von Spee apparently being accounted for in just about the same period of three months from the commencement of hostilities. No details at the time of writing concerning the damage to the Exeter were available, but it may safely be said that even if one of the cruisers had been lost the stoppage of the Admiral von Spee's activities would well have been ample recompense.

Cloak and Dagger Dept.

Efforts of the Phillips Oppenheim school of international espionage romances fade into the commonplace in comparison with the fertile inventiveness of the competitive Nazi school of propagandists. Not satisfied with saddling the British Secret Service with the responsibility for the attempt on Hitler's life in the Munich beer cellar—an incident, it might be mentioned, strangely relegated into the background despite arrests, claims of incontrovertible evidence and threat of trial—many more crimes have been made against this extraordinarily ubiquitous and scoundrelly gang of cut-throats in the opinion of Germany. Practically everything in Europe since the burning of Rome has been attributed to the work of the British Secret Service who, to say the least, must have their hands full attending to all these jobs. The murder of King Alexander of Yugoslavia is the latest of the crimes which Dr. Goebbels is crediting to the British Secret Service in order to strengthen the charge that the Munich attempt was financed and inspired by London. According to a special illustrated article in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," other recent crimes by this service including the "poisoning" of King Feisal of Iraq, the motor accident in which King Ghazi met his death, and the murder of M. Galnieseu, the Rumanian Premier. Going farther back into history, the British Secret Service also arranged the sinking of H.M.S. Hampshire, which was conveying Lord Kitchener to Russia. With comprehensible reticence, the journal does not explain the purpose of this effort. The assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo, which was the signal for the commencement of the last World War, was another British-inspired plot, although it does read a little absurd that, if it were so, there should be such a lack of co-ordination between the plotters and the British fighting services, which were utterly unprepared for any war. Farther back, the assassination of Tsar Paul of Russia is also quoted by this German journal, but the campaign is not confined to one paper's inspiration. The "Vœlkischer Beobachter" published a cartoon of John Bull with a large number of stains on his waistcoat each labelled with one of the crimes mentioned by the other journal.

A Country Diary

Dec. 14.—Now that my walks are mainly confined to parks and gardens, I find an increasing difficulty in selecting little scenes or episodes to enter in my dairy. Even in the most confined areas there are, however, still some beautiful sights to be seen, and I would, indeed, be ungrateful if I did not mention the little flocks of Webb's Crowtits which go piping through our shrubs and lower trees: often these little red-brown birds pass through my garden, calling to one another as they go (to keep in touch) and, as a friend said to me this morning, making a very large noise for such a small bird. Then we have the Siberian Bluetail (*Ianthia cyanura*) which has the Robin-like habit of jerking up its tail as it searches for food upon the ground: I see, just mostly females and young of this year which do not carry the beautiful blue feathers of the full-grown male; they are just the little rusty "Robins" of the hedgerows, bright-eyed and sprightly, but without any distinctive colour-pattern to attract attention. But, most remarkable of all, the birds which visit us at this time of year are the Daurian Redstarts (*Phoenicurus auroreus*): these beautiful little birds with their grey mantle and black throat, cut off in a straight line, look as if they could only have been designed with compass and ruler....even the brilliant white spectrum in the middle of the wing takes on a geometrical shape, while the orange-red breast make this bird more robin-like than the Bluetail. Truly, I will never forget the remark of my soldier friend when I first showed him one of these birds, "Now I am no longer satisfied with a theory of evolution".... he certainly said a lot in a very few words, and I think of him every time I see a Redstart.

IN PARENTHESIS

Woman's Version

"I PROCEEDED very carefully. I slowed down, signalled to the other traffic that I was going to stop, and continued on." So said a woman driver at a North London police court."

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Monkey Brand

AN evacuee girl taken in by a lady was found to be very dirty, to put it midly.

She took her capably in hand, gave her a good bath, washed her hair, put her into clean clothes and then asked, "Don't you find it nice to be clean?"

The little girl thought for a minute and then said, "I don't know—I rather like a good scratch."

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Too Short

MY brother looked quite smart in his khaki, save for the fact that his slacks were about two inches too long.

So, at my suggestion, he slipped into a dressing gown while my wife shortened the slacks.

She took two inches off the left leg, surveyed her handwork, and then absent-mindedly removed another two inches from the same leg!

I don't know what the sergeant said. But we shall never forget what Tom said!

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Dumbfounded

THE Naval Commandant of an important South Coast port walked briskly towards the dock gates, justly preening himself in his resplendant uniform, with its gold lace almost up to his elbows.

Challenged at the gates by a sentry, he produced his papers. The sentry scanned them, handed them back to him and said, "O.K., baby, pass on."

The Commandant has sufficiently recovered to be able to tell this story against himself in the officers' mess.

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Cash Paid

IT transpired, so they say, in Berlin last year when the European situation was approaching a crisis. Herr Hitler had summoned Herr Himmler, Chief of the Secret Police. "What is this?" asked the Fuehrer, "I hear about Goering, Goebbels and Dr. Schacht spending all last night in a cabaret?"

"That is true, sir," answered the head of the Gestapo, "but they were not recognized—all three were effectively disguised."

"How?" asked the Fuehrer, sharply.

"Well, Goering did not appear in uniform, he was wearing a quiet grey suit. And Goebbels—why, Goebbels did not open his mouth all evening!"

"Good," exclaimed Hitler, "but what about Schacht?"

"Indeed, sir, his was the best disguise of all," Himmler replied warmly, "the Governor of the Reichsbank paid cash."

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The Sparrow Comes Home

THE Sparrow's Nest was blacked out with a strip off an old umbrella found on a scarecrow, and The Sparrow, flying back from the Treetops Club, made a bad landing, setting the branch rocking and swaying.

"Oh dear, oh dear, who's that?" called The Sparrow's wife, clutching at her heart.

"Who do you think it is, you fool?" asked The Sparrow.

"Oh, it's you, is it?" said his wife. "You gave me such a turn."

"I'll give you something else if you don't shut your trap," said The Sparrow, lurching in. "I'll give you one helluva swipe across the beak."

"Oh dear," said his wife, "you've been drinking again."

"Drinking?" shouted The Sparrow. "Drinking? I've been soaking. Whoopee!"

"Oh dear, oh dear," said his wife.

"Oh dear, oh dear," mimicked The Sparrow.

"This terrible war," said his wife.

"It's not so bad," said The Sparrow.

"Not for you," said his wife, "spending half the night at the Treetops Club telling them what Gamelin ought to do."

"How do you know?" asked The Sparrow.

"You always know more about other people's business than your own," said his wife.

"As a matter of fact," said The Sparrow, wagging a claw in her face, "I wasn't telling them what Gamelin ought to do. I was telling them what Hitler's going to do."

"It's all the same," said his wife.

"No, it isn't," said The Sparrow.

"Yes, it is," said his wife.

"I say it isn't," said The Sparrow.

"Oh, very well," said his wife. "Have it your own way."

"I always do," said The Sparrow, "and I always shall."

"I wouldn't mind being left alone at night if you were doing something useful," said his wife.

"Such as what?" asked The Sparrow.

"Well," said his wife, "there's that nice Mr. Robin Who's an air-raid warden."

"Nice Mr. Robin," shouted The Sparrow, "and a nice fool he looks with half a walnut shell on his head. What does he think it is? A tin hat?"

"You've no right to laugh at people who have answered the call," said his wife.

"I shall laugh at anybody I like," said The Sparrow.

"It's better than standing at a bar putting the world right," said his wife.

"Somebody's got to put it right," said The Sparrow.

"Well, it won't be you," said his wife.

"What's for me supper?" asked The Sparrow.

"I don't know," said his wife.

"You don't know?" shouted The Sparrow.

"The worms are burnt to a cinder," said his wife.

"So that's what I've come home to," said The Sparrow. "Burnt worms and a sourpuss."

"I can't keep worms hot for ever," said his wife.

"They can at the club," said The Sparrow.

"This is not a club," said his wife.

"I'll say it isn't," said The Sparrow, "and it's not a home either."

"Oh!" sobbed his wife.

"Where's me torch?" asked The Sparrow.

"You can't go out again in the blackout!" screamed his wife.

"Can't I," said The Sparrow, pushing past the strip of old umbrella and diving into the dark.

—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 34.0	Max. 51.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 42.5	Max. 51.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 30.2	Max. 55.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 43.7	Max. 54.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 13th:—High pressures over China and Japan. Low area between Yap and Guam. Fine weather with light variable winds in China and over the Yellow Sea. Normal north-easterly monsoon over the Eastern Sea. Overcast at places around Formosa.

State on the morning of the 14th:—Anticyclone central over the Petchili and spreading over China and south Japan. Low pressures over Yezo.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine weather, cloudy at places, and light variable winds in China and over the Yellow Sea. Overcast to cloudy with normal northerly to north-easterly monsoon over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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German Raider Chased Into Neutral Port

British Cruisers Attack Pocket Battleship Admiral Graf Spee; 36 Killed, 60 Wounded; Three Hits on Nazi Warship Reported

Montevideo, Dec. 14.

THE 10,000-ton German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the British cruisers Exeter, Ajax and Achilles were anchored a few miles apart here today after the biggest and most dramatic naval battle of the European war. After a two-day running battle, in which the German vessel and the Exeter were damaged, and the Graf Spee lost 36 men and suffered 60 wounded, the pocket battleship limped into the inner harbour here. The Admiral Graf Spee was hit thrice. The Captain's bridge, officer's mess and the front powder room suffered damage, official sources said. The German captain was reported to be wounded in the arm. The Exeter was reported to have suffered one direct hit. The Graf Spee was relentlessly pursued by the determined British cruisers, which have smaller guns than the pocket battleship. Although the German vessel tried her utmost to escape to the open sea, the British cruisers, relying on their speed, forced her to sail for the coast, from where tens of thousands of persons watched her steam slowly into port.

The British cruisers anchored off Punta Carretas, ten miles southeast of Montevideo, and prepared to take up a vigilant watch of the crippled German ship. The British were expected to employ strategy which would completely trap the Graf Spee and never allow her to escape from the port.

Details of the dramatic sea battle between the German battleship and the three British cruisers were related by local officials after they had boarded and inspected the Graf Spee.

They told the United Press they were informed that the Graf Spee sighted the French vessel ss. Formose. They approached the French ship. At the same time, H.M.S. Ajax, 6,840 tons, appeared on the horizon. The Ajax, travelling at full speed summoned the Exeter, 8,390 tons, and the Achilles, 7,030.

Guns Swing into Action

Firing broke out as the guns swung into action aboard the Ajax and the Graf Spee and the race for the shore was started, the officials were told.

The real battle began at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday at the mouth of the River Platte, the officials told the United Press, basing their information on official German reports.

In the afternoon, the Exeter and Achilles appeared and the battle was continued with the British ships about a mile apart. The Graf Spee started for the shore with the British cruisers on his trail.

The Graf Spee was sighted from the coast about 6 p.m. yesterday. She was far ahead. Heavy firing commenced again about 8 p.m., but ceased soon after. Firing was heard again at 9 p.m. when the Ajax closed in on the Graf Spee and forced the German vessel to head for the port of Montevideo.

Scene of the Naval Battle

Ambulances Ready

The French merchantmen Formose, after the start of the battle, headed for Buenos Aires.

When the Graf Spee reached the inner harbour early today, ambulances were in readiness on shore.

The wounded were brought ashore at 2.48 a.m. when the first of seven ambulances started leaving for the Montevideo military hospital.

While it was not announced whether the German pocket battleship would attempt to leave within 24 hours, according to international law, or be interned, Sr. Hugo Ricaldone, the secretary to the President of Uruguay informed the press that the vessel would be permitted to remain in port for 30 days. He explained that such a lengthy stay was in order because the Graf Spee's super-structure was badly damaged.

The Admiral Graf Spee arrived with all its searchlights playing on the beaches owing to her captain's unfamiliarity with the port entrance.

The Maritime Police immediately sent out a tug and assisted the crippled vessel to an anchorage.

Exeter Damaged

Shortly after midnight the removal of the wounded began. The ambulances which gathered on shore rushed the wounded to the Military Hospital here.

Local authorities granted the German Minister to Uruguay permission to visit the German vessel in order to talk with the Captain.

Officials of the British Legation visited the Maritime Police and requested permission to board the Exeter, which was reported to be badly damaged.

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British Sub Sinks U-Boat, Cruiser

H.M.S. Duchess Founders After Collision With Another Warship

London, Dec. 14.

The Admiralty announces that in the North Sea, the same submarine that sighted the German transatlantic liner Bremen on December 12 has sunk a U-boat and torpedoed a cruiser.

It also states that the British steamer Deptford, of 4,083 tons, was torpedoed by a U-boat in Norwegian territorial waters yesterday.

It was the third case in the last few days of violation of Norwegian neutrality by Germany, the Admiralty announcement adds.—Reuter.

Duchess Sunk

London, Dec. 14.

H.M.S. Duchess, 1,375-ton destroyer, was sunk after a collision with another British warship, which was not damaged, the Admiralty announced today. The only survivors of H.M.S. Duchess were one officer and 22 ratings.

The exact number of the personnel carried by the Duchess was not available at present, but naval circles said that she carried anywhere from 130 to 160 men. They pointed out that in wartime a destroyer usually carries a few more men than in peactime, but probably not more than a dozen.

The Duchess was well-known in the Far East, having been involved in several notable incidents in China waters in 1938 and 1939. She was a familiar sight on the Whangpoo River in Shanghai. She was well-known in Shanghai for possessing some excellent rugby players.

She was moored at Hongkong in 1938 after being damaged above the waterline following a collision with a Japanese steamer.

Last May she figured on the front pages of the world press by rushing to the rescue of the P. and O. liner Rampura, which was halted by a Japanese cruiser four miles from Hongkong.

The arrival of the Duchess caused the Japanese cruiser to leave immediately, and the Ranpura was allowed to proceed.

Known in China

Last June, H.M.S. Duchess again was prominently mentioned in news dispatches when it was reported that she was blockaded with the destroyer Deering at Foochow after the Japanese had placed a boom across the river.

Laid down in 1931 and completed in 1933, the Duchess was 1,375 tons and capable of doing 36 knots. She carried four 4.7-inch guns, one 3-inch anti-aircraft gun, six smaller guns and eight torpedo tubes.—United Press.

British Trawler Sunk

London, Dec. 14.

The British trawler Hallet was sunk by a mine off the British coast this morning. The entire crew, with the exception of one sailor, perished with their ship.—Havas.

Rice Rioting Breaks Out in Hart Road

Mob of 100 Force Way Into Shop; Six Men Arrested

With the rice situation still at the critical stage an ugly riot flared out in Hart Road at 5.35 p.m. yesterday when a howling mob of over 100 men forced their way into a rice shop at 1789 Hart Road and in a desperate, brutal scramble for the precious foodstuff made off with over $1,500 worth of rice.

A telephone call to Pootoo Road police station sent a squad of police racing to the scene to disperse the mob. Six men were arrested and will face the First Special District Court this morning. No one was hurt during the incident and the police managed to clear the street with little difficulty.

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Moslem Leader Attacks Indian Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Bombay, Dec. 14.

Mr. M. A. Finnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in a lengthy statement reiterating charges against the Congress ministries in connection with their treatment of minorities, demands the appointment of a Royal Commission by the British Government.

Such a commission, he says, should be composed purely of judicial personnel, with High Court Judges under the chairmanship of one of the Law Lords of the Privy Council.—Reuter.

Finnish Army Proved Better Fighting Force

Mr. Chamberlain Reviews Situation In Commons

London, Dec. 14.

"The Finns are defending their country with a courage and determination to be expected of that gallant people," Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, declared in the House of Commons today in a speech in which he reviewed international events.

"It is clear that the Finnish army has proved itself by far the better fighting force," he added.

Amid loud applause from all benches, the Prime Minister stressed that "the Soviet Government's aggression on Finland is an outrage against the conscience of the whole world."

Emphasizing that it is too soon to forecast the result of the unequal struggle, the Prime Minister added that "the German Government have publicly ranged themselves on the side of the aggressor, whom they even assist by a spurious and violent campaign against the Scandinavian countries."

The League Meeting

Turning to the meeting of the League of Nations, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"It was generally agreed during the deliberations of the League in September last year that each member should decide for itself in the light of its own position and functions the nature of the sanctions which ought to apply against the aggressor under Article XVI of the Covenant. The British Government have always held the view that no member state ought to remain indifferent to a clear case of aggression of the sort of which we are now faced."

The Prime Minister then referred to the aid being extended to Finland by Great Britain which has already resulted in the dispatch of a number of planes to that country.

"In addition to our supplies to Finland," he added, "His Majesty's Government intend similarly to release other materials that might be of assistance to the Finnish Government."

Dealing with Germany's attitude in the Soviet-Finnish conflict, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"The Finnish Government is being seized upon by the German propaganda machine to deflect attention from the primary object of the Allied efforts, which is the defeat of Nazi Germany. We must never lose sight of that objective. We must never forget that it was Germany's aggression which paved the way for a Soviet attack on Poland and Finland."

"We must give what help and support we can spare to the latest victim of these destructive forces," he added. "It is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression and thus attacking the evil at its root that we can hope to save the nations of Europe from the fate that would otherwise overtake them."

Dominions' Co-operation

Referring to the discussions which took place in London recently between representatives of the Dominions and India, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"We had indeed in recent weeks many practical demonstrations of the loyal cooperation of the Empire. In India, potitical differences with which the Members are familiar have in no way diminished the universal abhorrence of Hitlerism and all it stands for. I need only say that nowhere in India is there any disposition to let these differences hemper the common effort to win the war. We greatly appreciate India's contribution to the war effort.

"The potentialities of the Dominions have been fully explored," the Prime Minister added. "Important contracts have been placed for munitions, raw materials and foodstuffs, and discussions are being energetically pursued for the purchase of materials of all kinds essential for a successful prosecution of the war."

Mr. Chamberlain emphasized that the man power of the colonies and territories abroad may also be put to use.

"For us in this country the message of Christmas is not, in truth, a tragic contrast but a reminder that we are fighting to defend the principles and the ideals which for a thousand years have inspired the mind of man and lifted up our hearts."—Havas.

Japanese Object to German Demands

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

Owners of German ships carrying cargoes destined for Japan which are now taking shelter in Italian ports are requesting cargo-owners to bear part of the expenses incurred during the period of refuge, to the extent of 20 per cent. of cargo value, according to information received by the Osaka Office of Trade Bureau from Rome yesterday.

The German demand for 20 per cent. of the cargo value is considered too high and unreasonable, in the opinion of Japanese shipping interests, who expect the Foreign Office will start negotiations with Germany for a more reasonable settlement. Some quarters believe that five per cent. compensation would be reasonable.—Reuter.

Sudden Return of New Soviet Envoy To Moscow Surprises Rome

Ambassador Even Lacked Time to Present Credentials; Connection with Anti-Communist Demonstrations?

Rome, Dec. 14.

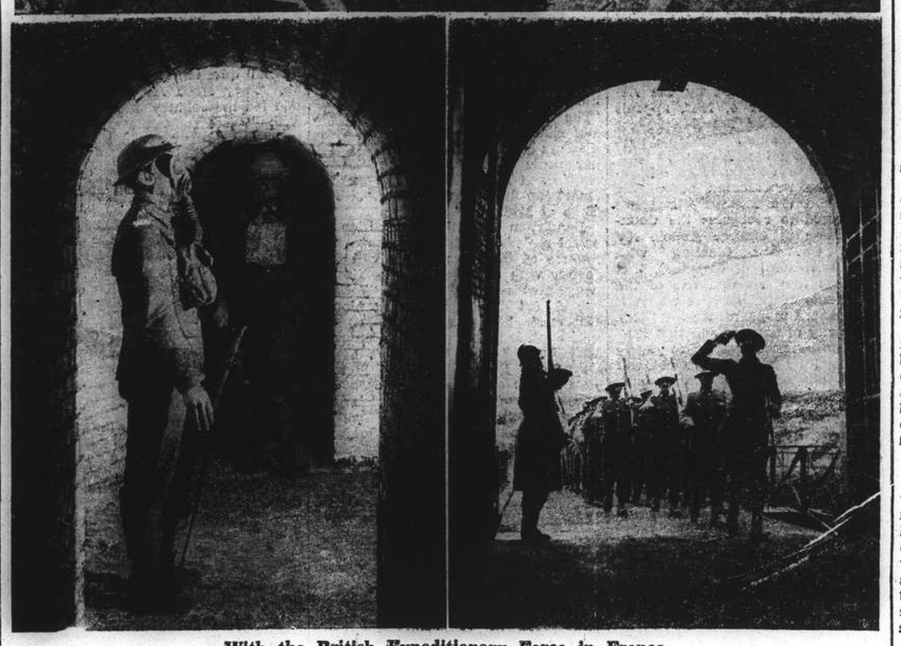
The new Russian Ambassador to Italy, M. Nicholas Gorilkin, suddenly left Rome for Moscow on Monday without having presented his credentials to the Italian King, it was revealed last night.

The reason for his sudden departure was not explained by the Soviet Embassy which issued a brief communique revealing that the Ambassador had returned to Moscow.

M. Gorkilkin was understood to have conferred with the Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, at Chigi Palace shortly before his departure for Moscow. The Russian Ambassador was reported to have received a telegraphic summons from Moscow on Sunday night.

The new Russian Ambassador arrived in Rome just before the Russian invasion of Finland. He was reported to be bearing credentials addressed to the Emperor of Ethiopia, King of Albania and King of Italy, thereby indicating Russia's recognition of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia and Albania.

Observers were unable to discover last night whether there was any connection between the Ambassador's sudden departure and the recent anti-Communist demonstrations against the Soviet Union here following Russia's invasion of Finland.—United Press.



With the British Expeditionary Force in France

The British troops have now taken over a section of the front line in France and are in contact with the enemy. These pictures show the men taking up positions. Upper picture shows men of a Scottish regiment building a trench. Lower left, a British officer wearing a gas mask on a tour of inspection of an underground sector near the British front. Right, a French sentry presents arms to a detachment of troops taking up positions.

League Assembly Decides to Expel Soviet Russia

Resolution Unanimously Adopted; Nine Delegates Abstain from Casting Ballots

Geneva, Dec. 14.

A REPORT and resolution advising the exclusion of Soviet Russia from the League of Nations was adopted unanimously by the League Assembly today. Nine delegates out of forty abstained from casting their ballot. They were the Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, Chinese, Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, Mexican, and Swiss representatives. Following the vote, M. Rudolf Holsti, the Finnish delegate, thanked all the members on behalf of his country. Shortly after the meeting opened, the report submitted by the Special Committee entrusted with the examination of Finland's appeal was read by the chairman, Senhor Da Motta, of Portugal, who declared that his Government associated itself with the Argentine proposal to exclude Soviet Russia from the League. "Russia placed herself outside the Covenant and she must be sent out of the League of Nations," he said.

Senhor Da Motta paid a tribute to the heroic resistance of Finland.

The Mexican delegate, Senor J. Fabela, also spoke at the meeting and expressed his Government's full sympathy for Finland's cause. However, while approving the report of the Committee, his Government was not of the opinion that Soviet Russia should be excluded from the League as this step had not been taken in previous cases and prevents the possibility of a peaceful solution of the dispute.

The general discussion ended at noon.—Havas.

League Cuts Down Budget

Geneva, Dec. 14.

The Assembly today adopted without debate the Budget of the League of Nations for 1940 which shows a reduction of 33 per cent. on the 1939 Budget. An Economic Committee was appointed and entrusted with the centralization of the economic and social work of the League.—Havas.

To Go To Council

Geneva, Dec. 14.

The next few days will be critical in their importance on the future of the League for today, to start with, the Assembly is to discuss and possibly vote on a resolution roundly denouncing and expelling Soviet Russia. After the Assembly's vote, the resolution will go before the Council for final, definite action.

The resolution, placed before the Assembly today by the Committee of thirteen first entrusted with study of Finland's appeal, urges not only expulsion of the U.S.S.R., but also the extension of all material and humanitarian assistance to the Soviet's victim.

Issued at 7.30 p.m. yesterday, an official League communique read as follows:

"A report established by the special committee will be submitted to the Assembly tomorrow accompanied by a resolution asserting:

Help for Finland Urged

"The Assembly, considering that by aggression against Finland Russia has violated her agreements with Finland, Article XII of the Covenant and the Paris Agreement, and that on the eve of doing so Russia unrightfully denounced the non-aggression treaty concluded with Finland in 1932 and valid until 1945, solemnly condemns Soviet action against Finland, sends an urgent appeal to each member of the League of Nations to help Finland with all the material and humanitarian assistance it can possibly render and

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Mediation Raised In House of Lords

Pacifist Peers Deplore War; Foreign Secretary Stresses Britain's Unity

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 13

That an offer was made some time ago by the Queen of the Netherlands and the King of the Belgians of their mediatory offices, and that it was subsequently rejected by the German Government, was recalled during the House of Lords debate today initiated by Lord Darnley with the support of Lord Arnold, who has consistently criticized the policy of resistance to aggression for several years on pacifist grounds.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, summed up the attitude of these two speakers as "war settles nothing—let's try for compromise." On this he commented that it was no use thinking of peace unless the enemy wanted peace.

The Bishop of Chichester said he was not a pacifist nor an advocate of the so-called fight to the finish. The guarantees the British people sought for the future, he thought, would not be obtained by continuing the war beyond the moment when they could be secured by negotiation.

Lord Samuel, former Secretary, considered that if Germany was willing to withdraw from Poland, the way would be open to negotiation, but with the military position as it now was, negotiations would clearly lead nowhere.

Opposition Anxiety

The Opposition leader, Lord Snell, intervened to express anxiety lest the observations of Lord Darnley and Lord Arnold should create misapprehension abroad regarding British public opinion.

"No peace is of the slightest value," he asserted, "unless it is negotiated with a government which will keep peace." The British people, he believed, had no desire to destroy the German nation. Their sole desire was that Germany should resume her ancient and revered place in world history.

Lord Snell's anxieties were shown to be exaggerated when the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, replied, for he was able to describe to their

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Contraband Guard Hits Reich

Weeks Working Shows 7,000 Of Goods Destined for Germany Seized in Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

During the week ended December 6, the British Contraband Control intercepted 7,000 tons of contraband goods suspected of being destined for Germany. The total included:

	Tons
Cotton	1,400
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	1,200
Fodder	900
Oil-Seeds	800
Non-Metallic products	700
Ores and metals	550
Rubber	250

and quantities of petroleum products.

In the 14 weeks of the war, the Contraband Control detained 483,500 tons.

On December 12, there were 61 neutral ships in the three Contraband Control bases in the United Kingdom, of which 47 had been there for five days or less.

During the week ended December 9, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 121 ships which had arrived since December 2, and 48 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

In three cases, the entire cargo was seized, whilst in 73 cases, the entire cargoes were released.—Wireless through Reuter.

Prisoners Taken When French Outpost Raided

Paris, Dec. 14.

Capture of a small French outpost by Germans was revealed in a communique issued here last night. In the course of a series of encounters west of the Saar, it is stated, one of the small French outposts was captured, some ten prisoners being taken. "Our line was quickly re-established," the communique adds. The day on the front as a whole, it is reported, passed quietly.—Reuter.

Seven Hundred Lost in Wreck Of Soviet Ship Off Japan

Heroic Rescue Work by Japanese Seamen In Raging Storm; 402 Persons Saved

Wakkanai, The Hokkaido, Dec. 14.

RESCUED after clinging for 30 hours to the lurching deck of their stranded ship, buffetted by a furious northern blizzard and mountainous grey seas, the survivors of the 2,336-ton Soviet steamer Indigirka left here at 1.30 o'clock this morning for Otaru in the ss. Karafuto Maru.

Those aboard were 395 men, women and children who were taken off the listing vessel yesterday by Japanese seamen in a dramatic rescue in a snowstorm, and seven members of the crew who managed to reach shore in two lifeboats, a total of 402 persons.

This leaves 737 persons unaccounted for, as when the Indigirka struck a shoal, only 800 metres from the Kishibetsu shore near here, she carried 1,100 passengers, including about 100 women, and a crew of 39.

Two hundred passengers are believed to have perished in the holds of the ill-fated ship, where they were trapped at the time of the vessel's grounding. More than 400 bodies have already been washed ashore near here.

Transfer Decided Upon

The survivors' transfer to Otaru was decided at 10 o'clock last night when Japanese officials, conferring at the Wakkanai police station, decided that the emergency hospital created in a packing factory here was not adequately equipped to take care of the survivors, many of whom are in a critical condition from shock and exposure.

As the ss. Karafuto Maru left here early today, the blizzard still raged unabated.

The Indigirka went aground off the northern extremity of the Hokkaido at 1.20 o'clock on Tuesday morning while on her way from Kamchatka to Vladivostok. Most of her passengers were Soviet fishermen.

As she struck the shoal in a blinding snowstorm, the vessel sprang a big leak, survivors said. The radio operator of the Soviet steamer immediately sent out a distress call, but his apparatus was soon put out of commission by sea water which flooded the ship.

Boat Crews Risk Lives

The captain of the stranded ship, then decided to lower two boats, manned by ten men each, to obtain help from shore, but five men in one craft, and eight in the other were washed overboard. These seven men at 3 o'clock in the morning reached the Kishibetsu shore where they searched for a house in the snowstorm.

Exhausted, they staggered into the house of Genichiro Tamii, a fisherman, who immediately aroused his family, who took care of the Soviet seamen. Tamii in the meantime ran to a police sub-station where he reported the arrival of the seven men and also rang the tocsin to arouse other fishermen. These attempted to launch boats to the rescue of those still on the ship, but their efforts were frustrated by the heavy seas.

The Wakkanai chief of police who went to Kishibetsu to investigate, returned to Wakkanai to ask the North Japan Steamship Company to send their 1,900-ton ss. Karafuto Maru to the scene of the mishap.

Seas Too Heavy

Mr. Funahei Segawa, local manager of the steamship line, today said that the seas were too heavy on Tuesday to send the ship to the rescue, but the ss. Karafuto Maru sailed from Wakkanai at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, reaching the scene of the disaster at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning.

High seas seriously hampered rescue operations. Assisting the ss. Karafuto Maru were the 25-ton Sanyo Maru and the 20-ton Sosui Maru.

The rescue work was called off at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when no more survivors were found on board. The ss. Karafuto Maru arrived here at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with 340 men, 33 women and 23 children aboard.

Indigirka Lying on Side

When the Karafuto Maru reached the stranded Soviet vessel, the Indigirka was lying on her port side at an angle of 90 degrees, Captain Gokichi Yamamoto told the press today. Only about 12 feet of the doomed vessel were above sea level, but this was being constantly washed by heavy breakers, Mr. Yamamoto said.

"All survivors were clinging to this flimsy support," he continued. "With the help of a row boat and a motor-sampan from Wakkanai, we succeeded in transferring these survivors, but the high seas many times threatened to engulf these small craft. My crew as well as those of other vessels risked their lives countless times during this operation.

"As soon as we got the survivors aboard, we threw open all our cabins and the crew helped to dry the drenched clothing of the men, women and children, who were all suffering from exposure.

"The captain of the ill-fated ship was weeping as he gripped my hand in gratitude," Captain Yamamoto said.

The Japanese captain confirmed the belief that more than 200 passengers who were in the hold of the Soviet vessel were trapped and drowned in a vast steel coffin.—Domei.

"Secret Sandwiches" Served At Secret Session of House of Commons

Members Surprised as They Get Down to Business; Substitute for Bacon Tried Out on Legislators

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

One of the sidelights to the secret session of the House of Commons today was the introduction of "secret sandwiches" which were served to members as refreshment. The secret of these sandwiches was not disclosed until members began to eat them.

They then found that the sandwiches had a novel taste, and were in fact made with "macon"—mutton smoked and prepared like bacon, under a similar recipe, to overcome the shortage of bacon.

The secret session is an extension rather than a limitation of the principle of the freedom of discussion which the Constitution assures even in war-time, it is pointed out in official circles here.

This, it is stressed, is the source of strength and makes for greater efficiency in administration than the stifling of criticism.

The secret session was requested by the Opposition, and the Government acceded to it, appreciating the sense of responsibility which promoted the members to seek an opportunity to speak with freedom without providing the "enemy" with propaganda material.

The House of Commons began its secret session yesterday after question time and the disposal of minor business.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, rose and formally called the Speaker's attention to the fact that strangers were present.

The Speaker immediately put the question that "strangers be ordered to withdraw." This was adopted without discussion and attendants cleared the Strangers', Ladies' and Press galleries.

Within a few minutes all approaches to the Chamber were barred and outside locked doors of the galleries attendants in evening dress sat on duty.—Reuter.

War of Currencies In Full Swing

French Finance Minister Approves New Economic Accord with Britain

Paris, Dec. 14.

Although military operations have hardly begun, the war of currencies is already in full swing and France has made a favourable start from the economic and financial point of view, M. Paul Reynaud, the Finance Minister, declared in a speech before the Chamber of Deputies today during the general debate on the new Budget.

With Nazi Germany suffering from nervous depression a victory for the Allies is certain if they are equal to the situation, he added.

"We must understand that high salaries, all labour which is not absolutely indispensable, and moderate taxes would be fatal for our currency," he stressed. "We are waging a war of determination. We must have the necessary will to produce more and consume less. The policy of the Government is to avoid a rise in prices and to increase the value of the franc on the exchange market."

Direct Price Control

M. Reynaud then announced the Government's intention to establish a direct control on prices, to curb speculation, and effect a general reduction in expenditure a stabilization of salaries, a control of exchange operations, and an encouragement of exports with the object of obtaining foreign currency.

To these measures the Finance Minister compared Germany's drastic methods in waging economic warfare, such as the requisitioning of all necessary industrial centres and the repatriation of Germans living abroad in order to seize their foreign holdings.

Referring to the Exchange Equalization Fund, M. Reynaud pointed out that it was in a better position than when the war started despite the large purchases made abroad. This, he said, was due to the fact that large amounts of French capital abroad have been repatriated. During the ten months prior to the outbreak of the war no less than Frs. 26,000,000,000 in gold returned from abroad. There are now Frs. 60,000,000,000 in gold to be added to the former gold reserves of the Bank of France.

M. Reynaud stressed that all purchases abroad must be drastically restricted. Compared to the restrictions which the German people must suffer, these are extremely moderate ones, he said.

Financial Agreement Profitable

Referring to the financial agreement between France and Great Britain signed by Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and himself, M. Reynaud said that it will be profitable to both countries and will prove to the world the common determination of both countries to fight until victory has been achieved.

"Our duty is to be ready for a prolonged military activity," he said in conclusion. "Hitler is hoping for discontent and disorder in France. Whether he will be right or wrong depends on us alone. Are we obliged to imitate Germany and copy the German régime our civilization condemns? The difference between Germany and ourselves is that our Parliament will freely accept whatever policy is necessary. France has known pathetic hours, but none as grave as these. We shall win, but in order to achieve victory we must first vanquish ourselves.—Havas.

Sweden Intends to Help Finland

Material Aid Better Than Any Meetings

Stockholm, Dec. 13.

Sweden formally avowed her intention to give material aid to Finland against Soviet Russia when Premier Per Albin Hansson, in a radio broadcast, declared today:

"We want to supply Finland with material help, which is much more necessary than any possible manifestations or meetings."

The Swedish Premier, who has just reorganized his Cabinet on a coalition basis, went into no further explanations, but stated:

"If we are compelled to take certain measures, it is because we are the best judges of our own situation."

The Premier also pointed out that the formation of a new, coalition Cabinet best answers Sweden's need in the present hour. He paid homage to the work and accomplishments of the former Foreign Minister, R. J. Sandler, and declared the latter resigned two days ago because of differences of opinion with his colleagues, not because of pressure from abroad.

In conclusion, Premier Hansson emphasized Sweden's determination to maintain her liberty and independence.—Havas.

Oil Tanker Launched

Kobe, Dec. 14.

With appropriate ceremonies, the Shinkoku Maru, an oil tanker of the Kobe Wharf Company, was launched yesterday at the Kawasaki Heavy Industry Company, yard. The ship is a Diesel motor tanker of 10,100 tons which will be capable of a speed of 19 knots. The tanker is expected to be completed in February.—Domei.

Finns Begin Counter-Attack

Troops Cross Russian Frontier and Aim at Murmansk; Heavy Soviet Casualties

Helsinki, Dec. 14.

FINNISH troops carried out their first major offensive since the start of hostilities today, crossing the Russian frontier near the southern central front, and headed toward the Murmansk railroad, Russia's most important artery for supplying the entire invading Red Army, unconfirmed reports said today.

Helsinki, Dec. 14.

Soviet bombers flying above the clouds raided Hangoe, Tammisaari and Gulf of Finland islands yesterday, a war bulletin announced last night. The amount of damage done was not disclosed.

Meanwhile, the Finnish Army rushed reinforcements to the eastern central front where a major Russian drive was expected. Military officials indicated they were determined to stall the Russian drive to the Gulf of Finland.

The withdrawal of Finnish troops from the central front, they said, was designed to draw the Russians out of position in preparation for counter-attacks.

Dispatches from Copenhagen said the counter-attacks had already started with some success in the Salla sector, the northern wing of the central front.

There was no indication of a diminution of confidence in the Finns' main defence lines on the Karelian Isthmus or the eastern front, despite reports that Russia had moved up huge reinforcements.

The Finns said they would subject the Russian invaders to a devastating fire if they try to advance to the Gulf of Bothnia across open country and through unfamiliar forests.

Too Small to Believe

Although the Finns claimed heavy Russian losses, so far the Finns have published no casualty list. The spokesman explained that "it would be no use. No one would believe us, they have been so small."

Meanwhile, the Finns claimed an important victory on the central Finland front, where they are trying to stall the advancing Red troops.

An official communique said that Finnish coastal batteries in the Koivisto sector had "again lent aid to the land force by concentrated bursts of artillery fire."

Along the coast of Lake Ladoga, the communique said Finnish batteries broke up Red detachments along the shore. At Saudamiemi, Finnish batteries also drove back Russian transport ship detachments, the communique declared.—United Press.

Meanwhile, neutral reports said Russian losses would aggregate 22,000, while Finnish losses totalled approximately 1,200. Eighteen hundred Russian prisoners have so far been tabulated, it was said, and 400 Russian tanks have been destroyed.

Unconfirmed reports said that Russians were still holding Salla. During the offensive against the city, the reports said, the Finns lost about 250 men, while the Russians lost about 7,000. The Finns were said to be concentrating large forces near Salla in the hope that they may recapture the city today.—United Press.

"Wasp Waist" Frontier

Rome, Dec. 14.

The Russians have occupied the island of Mausari, in Lake Ladoga, but their progress on the Karelian front has been insignificant, according to a telegram from Helsinki published here.

The Finns, says this report, are still holding Soumussalmi, about 17 miles from the frontier in Finland's "wasp waist," despite repeated Russian attacks.

According to the dispatch, the Soviet forces are trying desperately to cut Finland in two and sever her communications with Sweden.—Reuter.

Oslo, Dec. 14.

Norwegian subscriptions to the fund to help Finland now exceed a million kroner, it is stated here.

Norway is also sending Finland a fully-equipped ambulance with four surgeons and ten nurses.

About 200 volunteers have applied to join the Finnish fighting forces.—Reuter.

German Raider Chased Into Neutral Port

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Several doctors aboard a tug sailed to the Exeter to assist in the care of the wounded aboard. The number of casualties aboard the British ships, however, was not announced.

The Graf Spee was moving into the inner port early today. The British warships were lying at Punta Carreta, some miles distant from the port. Several breakwaters stand between the British cruisers and the Graf Spee.

Herr Otto Lingmann, German Minister, charged that the majority of the German sailors injured aboard the Graf Spee suffered from gas bombs. He said several seamen were suffering from eye injuries. He made this statement after returning from his official visit to the German vessel.

36 Buried

The authorities, it was unofficially learned, have granted the German request to bury the 36 dead aboard the battleship.

The German Legation spokesman, authorized by the German Minister, made an exclusive statement to the United Press.

"There are 36 dead and 60 wounded aboard the Admiral Graf Spee," he said, "mostly because the British used mustard gas grenades."

He added that the damage suffered by the German vessel was insignificant and announced that six British captains, presumably of merchantmen sunk by the Graf Spee, and who were aboard, would be landed here. He said they were captured off the South African and South American coasts.

H.M.S. Ajax opened the sea battle with the German pocket battleship, which carries six 11-inch guns, eight 5.9-inch guns, six 4.1-inch anti-aircraft guns and eight torpedo tubes.

The Ajax is armed with eight 6-inch guns, four 4-inch anti-aircraft guns, ten smaller guns and five torpedo tubes. The Achilles is similarly armed, although she carries 14 smaller guns.

H.M.S. Exeter carries six eight-inch guns, four four-inch anti-aircraft and four three-pounders.

Smoke-Screen

Laying a smoke-screen in front of Punta de Leste, the Ajax started firing at the German vessel, which immediately answered the fire, Punta de Leste authorities reported. Both ships continued firing until they reached Punta Ballenas, when the German ship turned to the southeast.

The battle was held within the neutral zone proclaimed by the Declaration of Panama.

Twelve shots were heard in the first engagement. Smoke blotted out the action; 45 minutes later firing was again heard. The roar of heavy guns was clearly audible here last night.

The Graf Spee was reported to have approached the French marchantmen for the purpose of restoring her depleted supplies when she was trapped by the Ajax.—United Press.

Legal Position

London, Dec. 14.

It is understood that the legal position of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, at present taking refuge at Montevideo, in Uruguay, is now governed by the Hague Convention which prescribes that a belligerent warship permitted to remain over 24 hours in a neutral port owing to damage may carry out only such repairs as are necessary to render her seaworthy. The repairs, however, must not add in any manner whatsoetver to her fighting force.

No distinction is drawn between damage by weather and damage by battle.

It is recalled that the light cruiser H.M.S. Glasgow put into Rio de Janeiro after the battle of Coronel in the last war and was permitted to make slight repairs.—Reuter.

London Says No Gas

London, Dec. 14.

The allegation made by the German Embassy at Montevideo that casualties aboard the German pocket battleship, which was engaged in battle yesterday by British cruisers off the mouth of the Rio de la Plata, were mostly caused by British mustard gas, is described by the Admiralty as "entirely without foundation."—Reuter.

German Warship Inspected

Montevideo, Dec. 14.

Her control turret destroyed with many holes in her sides, and listing heavily, the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee presented a sorry sight to thousands of curious onlookers who cruised around the warship in small embarcations today. The German vessel seemed unable to navigate further.

Therefore, considerable scepticism greeted the statement made to the press by the German Consul Herr Otto Langmann today in which he stated that the battleship called at Montevideo "owing to lack of fuel and not because of the damages sustained."

A Havas correspondent spent some time inspecting the vessel from a motor-boat and noticed that there were two large holes in the turret, another in the port hull. One of the starboard guns was completely dismantled and partly destroyed, while another gun was damaged and a seaplane demolished.

A few sailors with bandages on their arms, faces, and legs could be seen helping their comrades repair the damage. Most of the wounded have not yet been landed.—Havas.

Daylight shows that the German man-of-war has a big hole in her control tower, while her big guns are probably out of action and her 'planes badly damaged.

The German Minister, Dr. Langmann, visited the battleship immediately on arrival.

In a statement to the press, Dr. Langmann declared that the battleship "put into port owing to a shortage of fuel, and not on account of the damage sustained during battle."—Reuter.

U.S. Unlikely to Protest

Washington, Dec. 14.

Although yesterday's naval battle between the German pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer and three British cruisers occurred within the neutrality zone fixed by the recent pan-American conference, well-informed circles here do not believe this issue will be raised.

They point out that the zone is designed to prevent belligerent activities harmful to American interests.—Reuter.

German Version

London, Dec. 14.

"A German battleship has successfully engaged several British cruisers," states a report issued by the German News Agency today. The report adds that "so far only British reports are available." This is the first reference made by the German press regarding the naval engagement off the South American cost.—Reuter.

Battle Described to House of Commons

Loud Cheers Greet Prime Minister's Statement

London, Dec. 13.

"I think it is already apparent that a very gallant action has been fought by three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary, the result of which may be to free the South Atlantic of the depredation of this raider," Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, declared in the House of Commons this morning in describing the battle in South American waters between the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and three British cruisers.

The Prime Minister's speech was interrupted on several occasion by the loud cheers of the House. Giving an account of this naval encounter, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"The chief event in naval warfare has been the action which took place in South American waters. Shortly after six o'clock yesterday morning Commander Darwood of the six-in. gun cruiser H.M.S. Ajax reported that he was in contact with a German pocket battleship. (Loud cheers). Thereupon in company with the eight-in. gun cruiser H.M.S. Exeter and the six-in. gun cruiser H.M.S. Achilles he attacked the enemy who made off to Montevideo. (Loud Cheers).

Exeter Drops Out

"During the action which was of a severe character, H.M.S. Exeter received damages which reduced her speed and forced her to drop out of the fight," the Prime Minister continued. The two six-in. gun cruisers continued the pursuit, (Loud Cheers), and about midnight the German ship, which turned out to be the Admiral Graf Spee which carries six 11. in. guns, took refuge within territorial waters. She is now anchored in Montevideo."

"A statement issued through the German Minister to Uruguay admitted that the Admiral Graf Spee has thirty-six dead and sixty wounded and alleges that these losses were due to the use by the British cruisers of mustard gas," Mr. Chamberlain continued, this passage being greeted with hearty laughter. "This characteristic statement is, of course, entirely without foundation. No gas shells or grenades have been made for or used by any of the ships in His Majesty's Navy.—Havas.

Fifty Killed by Gas After Explosion

Bucharest, Dec. 14.

Fifty persons met their death while two hundred were injured following the explosion of a chlorine tank in a factory at Zarnesty yesterday. The two managers of the factory and most of the workers died when the deadly fumes drifted through the premises. A railway station had to be evacuated and a number of railroad employees met their death when trying to help people get away from the scene of the disaster. Firemen arrived from Brasov with gas-masks, but were unable to help those already unconscious and were compelled to wait for the fumes to blow away. All the hospitals in Brasov are filled with gassed victims.—Havas.

League Assembly Decides To Expel Soviet Russia

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to avoid any action which may weaken Finnish power of resistance, authorises the Secretary-General to give the support of the League's technical services by organising assistance to Finland, and, by virtue of the resolution voted by the Assembly on October 4, 1937, appeals to non-members of the League for possible co-operation.

"Considering that Russia, in spite of the invitation made twice has refused to be represented before the Council and the Assembly and has thus refused to recognize the Council's mission to enforce Article XV of the Covenant (dealing with League settlement of disputes), that Russia has thus violated one of the engagements of the League which is most essential to guarantee the peace and security of nations, and that Russia has unsuccessfully tried to justify her refusal by resorting to contacts with an alleged Government which neither in fact nor fiction is recognized as the Government of the Finnish people in compliance with Finnish institutions, Russia is guilty not only of violating engagements resulting from the Covenant, but has by her action placed herself outside of the Covenant.

"The Committee recommends to the Council the statute concerning this question.'"

The resolution, when it came up yesterday for the vote by the special committee of thirteen was adopted by all members except the Swedish and Norwegian. These two said they approved it subject to the agreement of their Governments.—Havas.

Exclusion Said Certain

Paris, Dec. 14.

The expulsion of Russia from the League of Nations is now certain, reliable French diplomatic quarters reported last night. They said the French and British delegations to the League would explain the Allied viewpoint fully following today's vote in Geneva.—United Press.

China Avoids Awkward Situation

Geneva, Dec. 14.

China has been absolved from a delicate responsibility in connection with the League of Nations' action condemning the Soviet Union's invasion of Finland.

By leaving the election of China to the League Council to a later meeting, the necessity has been avoided for China to take a stand—a move which might embarrass the Chungking Government in view of its relations with Soviet Union.—Reuter.

China's Letter

Geneva, Dec. 13.

Dr. Wellington V. K. Koo, China's Chief Delegate to the League of Nations, today sent a letter to the Secretary-General of the League, M. Joseph Avenol, hoping for the re-election of China to the Council.

Your honour," he said, "I request, if none of the ordinary or non-permanent seats are available to China as a member state of the Far Eastern group, the provisional seat which China occupies at present be renewed for another period of three years since the circumstances which called for the creation of the provisional seat for the Far East fundamentally remain unchanged."—United Press.

Butler Addresses Assembly

Geneva, Dec. 14.

Mr. R. A. Butler, British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who is head of the United Kingdom delegation to the League of Nations, told the League Assembly that the report and resolution condemning Russia's aggression against Finland and calling on League members to give all assistance in their power to Finland, had the full support of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

In spite of the burden which Great Britain and her Allies wree bearing in the major struggle for right and law, Mr. Butler added, the British Government would not excuse itself from giving the best support in its power to Finland.

The British Government, concluded Mr. Butler, was already taking certain steps to enable the Finns to obtain in the United Kingdom the materials required for their defences.—Reuter.

China and Egypt Elected

Geneva, Dec. 14.

China and Egypt were elected to the League Council today. China's candidacy was approved by 34 votes out of 37 while Egypt was elected unanimously. The Assembly met at 3.30 p.m. to elect the two latest members to the Council.—Havas.

THE STAGE

"Dithyrambics"

A London Coffee Stall
The Tale of a Dog
A Toy Shop at Midnight
The Company Will Recite
Tenger Blum Group of Dancers
Ma Baby solo by Mervyn Gatton
Summer-time Girls
A Camp-fire Sing Song
The Doll Dance Joy Blackwood
The Policeman Jack Mills
Scotch Reels
Vibraphone Selections
Bandsman W. Atkin
Inaudibility
Multum in Parvo
Finale Entire Cast

Shanghai's younger set will display an assortment of talents at the Lyceum Theatre this evening in aid of the British War Fund with the production of "Dithyrambics," a variety show in seventeen acts. That the show is an amateur production will be readily observed by even the most nonchalant observer but it is enfused with an enthusiasm that cannot help but affect the audience. The delightful informality of the performers tends to draw the entire audience on to the stage and makes everyone feel that he has an active part in the show. The performance opens with most of the cast assembled around a replica of a coffee stall "somewhere in England" and singing songs which are reminiscent of the last war and from the rise of the curtain until the finale there are few dull moments.

Acting honours are divided between Mr. Stan Mesmer and Mr. Jack Mills who seem to have a hand in the greater part of the show. These two combine in a screamingly funny little act entitled "The Tale of a Dog," while Mr. Mills has the stage all to himself for his busman's holiday in "The Policeman." The well-known and clever little Miss Joy Blackwood displays her terpischorean ability with her usual grace, while the Misses Bessie and Nellie Stead go through a smart tap-dancing routine in "A Toy Shop at Midnight."

Bandsman W. Atkin's rendition of sweet melody on the vibraphone is a feature of the show which will find favour with all. Included in his arrangement is the immortal "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms." The funniest skit of the entire performance is "The Company Will Recite," with the Misses Lilian Johns and Betty Sayer and Messrs. Ron Fraser and Stan Mesmer.

A breath of Bonnie Scotland is provided with the rendition of a Scottish reel by two members of the Seaforth Highlanders and two fair young lassies who shake nimble feet to the tune of the bagpipes.

Music is provided by Mr. Tarby's amateur orchestra. The show is being produced by Miss Georgina Fuller while the programme has been arranged by Miss Margaret Young.—T.A.B.

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Coincident with this gripping theme is the pair of romances involving the merchant's son and the banker's daughter, and the latter's son and the town drunkard's daughter, both romances being charged with excitement and complicated by interesting circumstances. Mr. Edward Ellis gives one of his stable, yet brilliant, characterizations, for which this stage star is recognized—it will be recalled that he was oustanding in "A Man to Remember." Miss Anne Shirley, now well on her way to stardom, likewise turns in a fine bit of work, while the comedy element is in the capable hands of Mr. Leon Errol, assisted by Mr. Hobart Cavanaugh. Supporting in character roles are Miss Janet Beecher and Mr. Samuel Hinds, neither having regrets for their interpretations.—L.M.M.

Mediation Raised in House of Lords

(Continued from page 7)

lordships how foreign representatives who came to him at the Foreign Office told him now profoundly they were impressed by British national unity and by the evidence of the people's resolution which they encountered in all quarters.

Lord Halifax also expressed his dislike of the phrase "fight to the finish," which gave the impression of a people fighting for the mere sake of fighting.

"That definitely is not the position of the British Government or of the British people. We have always been prepared to negotiate. We were prepared before the war, and we have never closed the door to negotiations in anything we have said or done since the war began."

Hitler's Word Doubted

Unfortunately, although Herr Hitler asserted in his speeches he was anxious for peace, it was far from certain that he was anxious for a peace on terms of which would make for the peace of Europe. Lord Halifax said all their lordships were agreed on general principles. They all felt it a good plan to settle by negotiation.

"Nobody can feel more strongly than I do the horrors and agony of war. Nobody can feel more strongly how criminal it will be to miss any real opportunity for peace."

But they came back to the fundamental question, Lord Halifax went on. They stood for the causes that had led the country into the war, and if they were right it would be wrong to cease until they had done their utmost to secure those causes.

The Foreign Secretary concluded by recalling the British and French answers to the mediatory offer leaving the door open for negotiation, and the slamming of the door by Herr von Ribbentrop (German Foreign Minister) in Berlin, and expressed his view that after the German action it was a very academic question whether the offer remained open on the side of its originators, the sovereigns of Belgium and Holland.—Wireless through Reuter.

Constables Expected To Be Released

The two Chinese police constables who were "arrested" by Japanese gendarmes after an incident in Robison Road and taken to western Chapei are still being held there, but it is expected by officials of the Shanghai Municipal Council that they will be released within a very short time. Official statements reaching the heads of the Council and S.M.P. through the Japanese Consulate-General indicate that the two men are about to be freed and that they will not be subjected to any "trial." Unofficially, however, it is rumoured that they will be tried, on some charge growing out of the Robison Road incident, in a court established by the "reformed" government.

It is learned that the two men are well and that they have received food and other amenities sent from outside.

Council Approves Tram Fare Increase

Application Considered to Be Reasonable

At a meeting of the Public Utilities Committee of the Shanghai Municipal Council held on December 5, consideration was given to an application submitted by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ltd., for approval of an increase in its fare charges owing to the further substantial increase in operating costs, due to the change in the local economic situation and the further substantial depreciation in the value of Chinese currency, which has occurred since the date of the Company's last application to increase fare charges.

The proposed revision involves an increase in average per mile fares from 3.11 to 3.71 cents for 1st class accommodation and from 2.15 to 2.54 cents for 3rd class accommodation. The Company, in support of its application, pointed out that when its last application for increased fares was made in April, the exchange value of the Chinese dollar in terms of sterling was 8 9/32 pence which rate had declined to 6 1/2 pence by the time the application had been sanctioned in June.

In considering this matter, the Committee noted that revisions of fare charges do not require the Council's approval provided fares do not exceed the maximum rate of 10 cents and 5 cents per mile for 1st class and 3rd class accommodation respectively, laid down in the Company's franchise as amended by correspondence in January 1930. Since the proposed average fares are well within these maxima and the increase applied for was regarded as reasonable under existing conditions, the Company's application was recommended for approval. The Committee's recommendation was approved by the Municipal Council on December 13.

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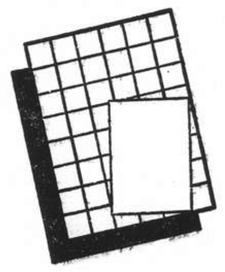

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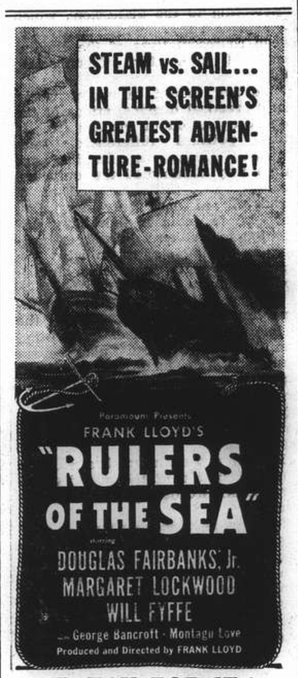

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FROM DAY TO DAY

A MAP wall calendar for 1940 has been received at this office from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

THE third "Hour of Music" under the auspices of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. will be given in the Lounge between 6 and 7 p.m. today.

DR. Reinhard J. C. Hoeppli, Professor of Parasitology at the Peiping Union Medical College, Peiping, is passing through Shanghai on return from leave.

THE weekly report of refugee work for December 14 follows:—No. of Camps under inspection by Public Health Department 24; No. of refugees therein 85,142.

PURSUANT to the recommendation of Mr. Hsieh Kwan-sen, Minister of Justice, Mr. Chang Ching-han has been appointed Procurator of the High Court in Shensi, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE Telephone Company's transfer books will finally be closed today, and it is important that any shares not registered in the names of the owners thereof be lodged with the company for transfer before 5 o'clock this afternoon.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council has approved continuation for a further period of three months from January 1, 1940, of the temporary high cost of living allowances to the municipal staff, granted from October 1, last. The allowances will be reconsidered during March next year.

WITH a view to promoting better understanding with the millions of Muslims in China and to strengthening national solidarity in the present national crisis, the Ministry of Education has ordered courses to be conducted for the study of Arabic and Islam culture, says a Chungking Chinese report to the "Shun Pao."

DR. Thornton Stearns has kindly consented to broadcast for the Shanghai Anti-Tuberculosis Association tomorrow from 7 to 7.30 p.m. on "The Bones in Tuberculosis," from XMHD (through the courtesy of the Shanghai Christian Broadcasting Association) operating on a frequency of 760 kilocycles, wave length 395.6 metres.

IN view of the large number of students going to Yunnan to pursue further studies, the Ministry of Education has established a Students' Guidance Bureau in Kunming, the provincial capital, to assist students in locating their schools and universities and in finding suitable accommodation, says a Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE Shanghai Zionist Association "Kadimah" 20th annual Hanuccah Ball at the Cercle Sportif Français last night was a big success, dancing being kept up till the early hours of the morning. The proceeds of the ball and the various raffles held during the evening will go to help the funds of the Jewish National Fund and the Jewish Educational Aid Society.

THE schools for foreign children administered by the Shanghai Municipal Council will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, December 21, 1939, and will re-open for the Spring Term on Monday, January 8, 1940, at the usual hour. The schools for Chinese children administered by the Council will close for the winter vacation on Friday, January 12, 1940, and re-open for the spring term on Monday, January 29, 1940, at the usual hour.

THE third report day of the Y.W.C.A. finance campaign brought the total of gifts to over $41,000.00 well above the goal set at $36,000.00 as a minimum needed to meet the needs of 1940. There was a very enthusiastic meeting of the workers present on Monday afternoon and much rejoicing as each team captain reported. The six highest teams were: Mrs. C. T. Yung; Mrs. Y. C. Yui; Mrs. Carleton Lacy; Mrs. Adam Black; Mrs. Frank Ling; Mrs. V. H. Hong. The meeting was closed with a service of thanks to all those who helped and gave so generously.

THE Shanghai Chapter of D.A.R. met for their monthly Tea and business meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Boynton, 11 Ave. Petain, Wednesday. The speaker, Mrs. F. R. Millican told of a recent visit to Nantao, describing in detail heartbreaking experiences of Chinese families and their brave struggle to re-establish homes. She also spoke of the splendid work being done by the Goodwill Industries operated by the Nantao Christian Institute at South Gate and gave a vivid description of the childish joy and excitement experienced by old and young during last year's Christmas festivities for the Goodwill family of more than 300 people. It is hoped this joy may be repeated for a still larger family this Christmas. Mrs. Millican urged all D.A.R. women to join a new Revolution, dethroning selfishness and greed and enthroning militant love to build a hate-free, greed-free and war-free world.

IT has been the practice of the Chinese Mission to Lepers every year since it was organized in 1926 to send Christmas gifts in addition to regular grants-in-aid to all of the leper institutions in China regardless of their affiliations, denominations or creeds, so that every hospitalized leper will have a nice Christmas dinner, a warm garment, a pair of new shoes and socks, toys if he were a child, or any other articles that he sorely needs. Being homeless and friendless the lepers, as a class of most unfortunate people, are even more anxious than kiddies for the arrival of Christmas which means a real joy and treat to them. The Chinese Mission to Lepers needs for this year's Christmas at least $3,000. The funds for this purpose are commencing to come in from kind-hearted friends both in Shanghai and outports. It is hoped that the sum required will be fully subscribed before Christmas. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chinese Mission to Lepers will meet today at 4 p.m. in the home of Mrs. E. S. Tyau when the results of the drive for the winter garments of the patients of the Shanghai Leprosarium will be reported.

Army Driver Wins Damage Action

R.A.S.C. Man Cleared of Negligence; Judge Sees No Breach of Driver's Duty

Judgment in favour of the defendant, Driver J. Swan of the R.A.S.C., was entered by Assistant Judge P. Grant Jones in an action for damages instituted by Mr. Vladimer Chourlianis in respect of an injury to the plaintiff caused by the alleged negligent driving of a motor truck by the defendant on June 2. The plaintiff was admitted to sue as a pauper and Mr. K. E. Newman was assigned to appear on his behalf. Mr. John McNeill appeared for the defendant.

The plaintiff received his injury in an accident on Garden Bridge at 9.35 a.m. on June 2. He was walking across the bridge from South to North and when he was passing the second Japanese sentry box he was involved in an accident with a British Army lorry which was proceeding in the same direction. The plaintiff said that when he came to the second sentry-box he turned towards the pavement with his right foot foremost and felt himself pulled down by the left leg. The defendant maintained that the plaintiff had stepped directly sideways, to the right, and was struck on the right hip by the lorry.

In giving his decision the Judge said:—

It seems clear to me that the lorry kept its course over the bridge without any deviation; a vehicle of that size and weight is not to be twisted from side to side like a perambulator and is not likely to be diverted from its course until the driver finds that necessary. Here the lorry and the pedestrian had apparently been progressing on parallel courses for some distance and if, as I think, the lorry did not deviate, the pedestrian must have done so to bring them into collision with each other.

Moment of Impact

By whatever movement the plaintiff got there, he was at the moment of impact where he would not have been had he had due regard to his own safety, and I am satisfied that the defendant did what it was humanly possible to do to modify the force of the impact. I would add that I was impressed by the simple and straightforward manner in which these two soldiers (the defendant and a witness, Pte. Hewitt) gave their evidence and I am satisfied that they told the truth as they saw it.

The burden of proof of negligence is on the plaintiff who avers it. It is not sufficient merely to prove facts from which negligence may be surmised, nor is it sufficient if the balance between the evidence on both sides is even, for the scales are weighted against the party seeking to recover damages therefor.

What amounts to a breach of a driver's duty always depends upon the circumstances of each particular case, and in this case I can discover no breach on the part of the defendant. He was observing the rule of the road; he was not driving at an excessive speed; he was keeping a proper look-out; and finally, as I have already said, he did his utmost to minimise the consequences of the plaintiff's movement, which was the effective cause of the accident. Judgment will be therefore entered for the defendant.

The judge then addressed Mr. Newman as follows:—Mr. Newman, the court, as well as the plaintiff, is indebted to you for putting this case so adequately before it.

The full text of the judgment will appear in the "North-China Herald" on December 20.

Dardanus Released by Japanese

British Plane Detained For 36 Days

Thirty-six days after it was forced down at Waihow Island, in the Golf of Tonking, after, it was alleged, infringing upon Japanese military restrictions, the British Imperial Airways liner Dardanus was released on Wednesday afternoon, a Japanese naval spokesman announced yesterday.

With Captain J. N. Wilson, its Australian pilot at the controls, the detained airliner took off from Waichow Island for Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon, the spokesman said.

The Dardanus was forced down by a Japanese naval aerial patrol while flying too close to Waichow Island on November 8.

A Japanese naval aeroplane called at Kaitak airport in Hongkong on November 17 to pick up a spare wheel for the Dardanus. The British pilot proceeded to Waichow by ship later.

Filipino Inquest

A verdict of death due to natural causes was given by the acting coroner, Commissioner N. E. Lurton, at the conclusion of an inquest in the U.S. Court for China into the death of Jose Martinez, 1½-month old Filipino infant who died on Sunday.

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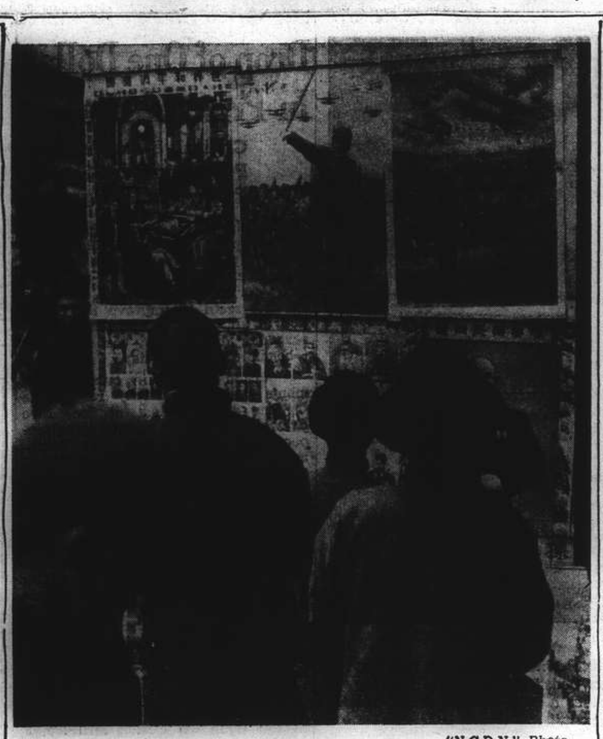

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War and Peace in Rainbow Colours

Brilliantly-coloured pictures of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek leading China's armed might of the land and air attract the attention of hundreds of passers-by daily at a downtown street stall. The Generalissimo may also be seen (right) in splendid dress uniform covered with decorations. To the left is a "world peace conference" pictured as a game of mah-jongg. Present leaders in the international conflict may be recognized as players or onlookers.

America Deeply Concerned By Far East Situation

State Department Non-committal on Character of Present Negotiations in Tokyo; Embargo Move Grows

Washington, Dec. 13.

THE Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday declined to state whether the current negotiations in Tokyo between the American Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Minister are actually concerned with the negotiation of a new trade agreement.

Mr. Hull indicated, however, that it could be assumed the talks concerned commercial relations after the abrogation of the Japanese-American trade treaty of 1911 expires in January. The Secretary's statements were made in response to correspondents' questions and he offered no voluntary comment on current Japanese-American negotiations.

The attention United States diplomatic and political circles are giving to the Far Eastern situation problems arising from maintenance of neutrality in the European war was regarded by informed observers yesterday as one of the most interesting aspects of the tangled international situations.

Especial interest centred on relations with Japan and official and press dispatches were being watched more closely than ever with the approach of the January 26 expiration of the Japanese-American treaty of commerce.

Embargo Gains Momentum

Movements to proclaim an embargo against Japan after January 20 have gained momentum. It was believed, however, that the effects of actual complete termination of trade would receive the gravest consideration before any vital economic weapon such as an embargo would actually be employed.

Interest in the Far Eastern situation has increased steadily since the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Joseph Grew, in a speech flatly declared there was a growth of anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States.

This was followed by a speech from the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George Messersmith, in Boston, where he deplored developments in the Far East and reiterated the United States stand on the Nine Power Pact. He added, however, that this does not mean the United States is not disposed to discuss with all nations having interests in the Far East reasonable proposals which have been advanced for sympathetic and intelligent reconsideration of the situation in that region of the world.

Revision According to Law

Mr. Messersmith added this country's insistence was that such revision must be achieved by due course of international law.

While the most publicized sentiment from Congress has centered on an embargo of Japanese goods, experts believed this could be explained partly by the fact Japanese imports frequently are sold at lower prices than the domestic goods despite tariff barriers and this often causes complaints from domestic manufacturers.

The possiblity of a counter argument developing was indicated, however, by the recent statement of Senator William E. Borah, Republican of Idaho, who urged a new commercial treaty between the two countries and minimized the incidents in China.

Senator Borah's statement emphasized the opinion that the United States has a substantial interest in maintaining that Japanese European war demands are likely to develop slowly apart from munitions, because the emphasis has been placed on economic rather than military warfare.

Also, United States moves for development of Latin American trade have been progressing slowly due to the Government's inability to provide large scale credits immediately, permitting Latin American nations to buy substantial quantities of United States manufactured goods. The provision of large credits probably will await the Congressional session next month.—United Press.

Nephew Loses Case Against Uncle

Indian Moneylending Action Concluded in H.M. Supreme Court; Costs Awarded

Judgment was entered by Judge P. Grant Jones in H.M. Supreme Court yesterday for an Indian defendant, Indar Singh, who was sued by his nephew, Massa Singh, for the sum of $3,400 which, he stated, was loaned by him to his uncle on September 24, 1939. Mr. Ranald McDonald appeared for plaintiff while defendant was represented by Mr. J. R. Jones.

Both the defendant and the plaintiff are moneylenders. The plaintiff's case was that his loan to the defendant was of a sum of money repaid by a previous debtor while the defendant stated that this sum was, in fact, lent to that debtor by the defendant and another, and there was consequently no question of a loan thereof to himself from the plaintiff.

In Court the plaintiff stated that in 1933 he won $3,444 in a state lottery. He met a Mr. Allan, of the Health Dept. in Ward Road, and subsequently lent him money on two promissory notes which he handed to Mr. H. A. Reeks of Messrs. Ellis and Hays in 1935 for action to be taken on them. He subsequently received through defendant a message from Mr. Reeks that the money had been repaid and he was to go to Mr. Reek's office to collect it.

Moneylending Arrangement

Simultaneously with the delivery of this message, the defendant asked him for a loan of $3,400 and as he had to go to the Chinese Court on that day, he told the defendant to go and get the money from the lawyer's office. On the following morning witness told Mr. Reeks to give the money to defendant. Mr. Reeks made out a cheque for $3,400 which the witness endorsed and passed over to defendant.

Defendant's story was that he arranged with plaintiff, who was enjoying free board and lodging with him, for the latter to conduct the moneylending business in his own name on behalf of witness. In accordance with this arrangement all promissory notes were made out in the name of the plaintiff, who also collected the interest and debts except in rare cases where a knowledge of English was required or the clients took exceptions to his methods.

In 1933, the defendant said, he won $14,000 in the state lottery. Allan had an office in the Hongkew market and used to come to the Sikh Store, of which defendant was managing director, for provisions. He borrowed $600 on January 9, 1934, and his promissory note was made payable to the plaintiff. On November 26 of the same year he wanted $4,000 and witness offered to lend him $3,400 if he could get a police officer named Collison, whom the witness knew personally, to guarantee the loan. The loan was made.

Costs Awarded

Witness stated that he was present on September 24 when the debt was repaid and when he received the cheque from Mr. Reeks after the plaintiff had endorsed it. He paid the cheque into the Chartered Bank on the same day and he produced the counterfoil of the paying in slip showing that the Bank had received the sum of $3,400 from him on that date.

Defendant was awarded costs. Addressing Mr. McDonald, who had applied for a higher scale of costs than those endorsed on the writ, His Lordship said that he had considered the application under Rule 14 but the nature of the case was simple. It was not important and the only difficulty arose out of the tortuous methods of business and habits of mind of the partners. These did not furnish an adequate reason for a higher scale of costs.

(The full text of the judgment will appear in the "North China Herald on December 20.)

Miss Mao's Condition Reported Improving

Girl Wounded by Political Gunmen Fights for Life

A slight improvement in the condition of Miss Mao Li-ying, widely known teacher and social worker, was registered yesterday at the hospital where she is fighting to regain her health after the attempt on her life which took place on Tuesday evening. She was shot in the abdomen and left leg by Chinese gunmen who waylaid her in a lane off Nanking Road where she had lectured before other Chinese women.

The two would-be assassins escaped in a closed black car and a few minutes later a car of the same description was involved with the police in Avenue Road. A Japanese sergeant of the Municipal Police was shot through his coat and tunic, the bullet grazing his skin, while a Chinese pedestrian was wounded in one leg. Shortly afterwards this car "limped" into 76 Jessfield Road, premises occupied by Mr. Wang Ching-wei's local organization, with one tyre flat, and the guard outside this heavily-protected refuge was doubled.

Miss Mao had previously been harassed by elements opposed to her patriotic activities and had received threatening letters as well as a public warning, some three weeks ago, in the "Hsin Shun Pao," a publication sponsored by Japanese interests.

Japanese Assailants Appear in Court

British Police Sergeant Still in Hospital

Three of the four Japanese civilians arrested in Nanking Road on Wednesday evening following an assault on Police Sergeant M. King, British, while he was on duty there, appeared in the Japanese Consular Court yesterday morning. The fourth man had been released as it was found he had tried to prevent his companions from beating the police officer.

After a short hearing, the case was remanded until a future date when the injured police sergeant will be able to appear before the Court.

The three Japanese, with others who escaped, "ganged up" on Sergeant King as he was engaged in herding together some of the many Chinese prostitutes who nightly parade on Nanking Road in the vicinity of the large Chinese department stores. King was badly beaten and had to be sent to the Country Hospital where he will remain for some time.

F.R.B. Officials Changed

Peiping, Dec. 14.

Over a hundred high officials of the Federal Reserve Bank are stated to have been removed as a result of the reorganization of the Bank, state Chinese reports. The reason for the reorganization is not known.—Reuter.

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"Shield of France" Described

Unique Arrangement of Forts, Subterranean Corridors Formed by "Sergeant" Maginot

Paris, Dec. 13.

THE Great War is over,—the horror of four years of conflict has passed and Germany, as the invader responsible for the outbreak of the war is disarmed at Versailles. But nevertheless, there are some men in France who look far ahead and see a threatening future, for they say the Rhine does not form a national frontier between France and Germany except along one-quarter of its course. Two among these men, Premier Paul Painleve and War Minister "Sergeant" Maginot, who gained his pseudonym because of his rank in the Army during the Great War, decided to do something about the open breach along the rest of the French-German and French-Belgian frontier. They envisaged, planned and had constructed what today is known as the "shield of France," the longest and greatest fortification in the world, the Maginot Line.

This defence line, destined to take the place of the natural frontier that France lacks, was built so as to follow faithfully every contour, every peculiarity of the terrain in which it stands. Today it is an "artificial natural frontier," intended to stop any invader that may come from the eastern marches of the Rhine.

Abandoning old ideas on fortifications, the engineers of France's greatest masterpiece of defence adopted a revolutionary principle, that of a continuous line of forts, separate yet joined, underground instead of above ground, invisible and impenetrable.

Like a Naval Squadron

The Maginot Line often is compared to a naval squadron, for its outposts resemble destroyers, its cupolas are similar to cruisers, and its heavy casemates and thick, concrete forts are the battleships, built for heavy duty, able to absorb terrific punishment.

Today, this formidable defence line, incorporating all the weapons and war knowledge of the twentieth century world, is taken almost for granted. But prior to its construction, the men who fought for the necessary credits faced many a stiff lobby and Parliamentary battle.

Foundations for the huge credits that were needed were laid in the war budget of 1925. In 1927, separate credits were allotted for it, 375,000,000 francs in all. But this sum was much too small and in the beginning of 1929, a second allotment of 275,000,000 francs was voted, to be followed by the grant of 3,750,000,000 francs that December.

The vast sum, it was agreed, would be spent in four years, and therefore in 1934 new credits were sought and obtained. They totalled a further 3,000,000,000 francs, to be utilized on construction work between 1934 and 1938. Impetus was given the scheme by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's decision at the time to rear his own line of fortifications, the Siegfried Line.

300 Kilometres

The completed Maginot Line extends over 300 kilometres. A great deal of the credit for its meticulous construction reverts to M. Belhague, inspector-general of the engineering corps that built the Line.

Three metres of reinforced concrete cover and protect it against the heaviest siege guns that may be used on it. At Douaumont, famous fort at Verdun, the Germans were able to capture temporarily only five out of 30 casemates, and that only after they had pumped 120,000 shells into its concrete works.

The aerial problem, too, was dealt with when the Maginot Line was built. The Spanish civil war showed, in proof of the French engineers' calculations, that while a 110-pound bomb falling from a height of 1000 metres, penetrates concrete to a depth of 50 centimetres, (20 inches) an 1100-pound bomb penetrates only 52 centimetres (21 inches) and a 2200-pound bomb, very seldom used in warfare because of its weight, penetrates but 1.08 metres (43 inches).

Seven Storeys

The Maginot Line's forts are built in seven storeys. At the top is the observation post, then come the guard-room the vault for small ammunition, the barracks, the galleries laid with small-gauge railway tracks for transportation purposes, the machine rooms with electricity and ventilation motors, and the huge heavy ammunition store rooms.

Every defence work incorporated in the Line is armed to resist repeated strong offensives. Anti-tank barrages are laid out in front. There are machinegun posts ward-rooms, a wide ditch to stall any tanks that may have passed through the advanced barrages, and then light artillery casemates.

Behind the advanced posts are the reservoirs of drinking water, food supplies, hospitals, operating rooms and a special withdrawal gallery permitting of orderly withdrawal of troops if absolutely necessary.

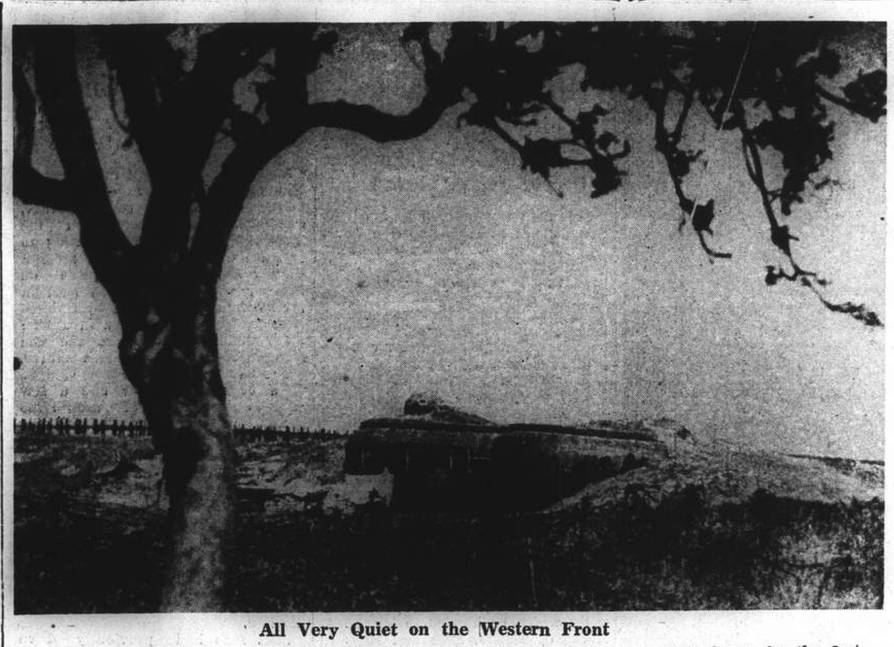
Moreover, all the separate forts are linked to each other not only by a complete telephone system, but by fully-protected corridors which dispel the men's sense of being isolated, which is an important factor in morale.

Gas-Proof

Great care was taken to provide for sanitary and gas-proof air circulation. Ventilation is so established that gas attacks are rendered harmless and the air inside every fort remains fresh and clean whatever the conditions outside.

Among precautionary measures enforced are those prohibiting inflammable material to be carried inside. Even tables and other such articles of furniture are of steel.

Finally, there is the human factor, which also has been taken into full consideration, for men have been trained for years in the manning of the Maginot Line's myriad defences. When mobilization took place in September, every man detailed to man the Line already knew his task, was familiar with the routine and no time was wasted in bringing the whole defence organization to its highest point of working efficiency.—Havas.



All Very Quiet on the Western Front

Not a human being is in sight in this photograph of the Maginot Line which shows, for the first time, a stretch of the steel and concrete units together with "asparagus beds" of steel rails forming the huge tank barrier in front of the line. The air of desolation gives a new significance to the familiar phrase—"All quiet on the Western Front."

China Advised to Aid Peasants

Good May Come Out of Economic Changes Forced By War, Says Expert

London, Dec. 14.

In a speech before the China Committee, Mr. R. H. Tawney, author and expert on economics, said despite the losses of human life and the economic sphere suffered by China, the war might have done something for the solution of the problems with which the Chinese Government was faced.

It had done more for a practical unification of the country in the past two years than had been accomplished in the previous 20 years. The fact that the Government had been forced to move to the west of China had made the Chinese aware of the rich mineral and agricultural resources in those districts.

China's permanent problem was not that of the industrial worker, but of the peasant cultivator. It seemed that his lot had worsened in the past two generations. So long as his present condition remained, China would continue to crumble from the bottom.

The peasant cultivator had suffered from floods, his methods were prehistoric, and he was shamelessly exploited by the middleman, money-lender and tax-collector.

It was not desirable, Mr. Tawney thought, that China's development should proceed on American or German industrial lines. Her right line would be rather on the French lines of concentrating on peasant welfare.

China's main job after the war, said Mr. Tawney, would be to organize economic and political systems, at the same time maintaining her own native and admirable virtues.—Reuter.

Importance of Hygiene Stressed

Doctor Says Japanese in China Careless of Health

Japanese engaged in a long-range programme for the building of a new China, should lay equal emphasis upon medical as upon political efforts, Dr. Tan Koizumi, dean of the College of Medicine of Keio University, Japan's oldest seat of higher learning, declared in Shanghai Wednesday, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. Dr. Koizumi has just completed a tour of the Nantung area in Kiangsu province.

Benefits in the form of education in public hygiene and medicine should be brought to China by the Japanese, the Japanese physician was quoted as saying. While hygienic conditions in the Nantung area were not favourable, Dr. Koizumi said, there had been a marked decrease in contagious diseases. There were only a few cases of malaria. Japanese in China, Dr. Koizumi was further quoted as having said, appeared to be "rather careless with their health."

Dr. Koizumi made a tour of Central and North China in July and August at the request of the Asia Development Board. He will visit Tsungming Island before returning to Japan.

Valuable Discovery In Korea

Huge Deposit of Apatite is Found on Island

Heijo, Dec. 14.

Apatite, an ore rarely found in Japan, has been discovered on Kaji Island, North Heian Province, in Korea, it was announced today. A vein believed to contain more than 3,000,000 tons of the ore and extending several score of miles was discovered recently by Mr. Sadamu Yamaguchi, an engineer with the Geological Survey Bureau of the Government-General of Korea. Apatite, it was explained, was an ore used in the production of superphosphates. Because of its scarcity in Japan, imports from abroad are necessary.—Domei.

Peiping Regime Observes Birthday

Congratulatory Ceremony Held in Northern Capital By New Officials

Peiping, Dec. 14.

Ceremonies in commemoration of the second anniversary of the establishment of the "Provisional Government" were held at Hwaijen Hall in Chungnanhai Park here starting at 11 o'clock this morning.

Attending the ceremonies were Mr. Wang Keh-min, President of the Executive Council of the "Provisional Government," and other leaders of the "Provisional Government," Mr. Liang Hung-chih, President of the Executive Council of the "Reformed Government"; Mr. Chen Chun, Minister of Interior of the "Reformed Government"; Mr. Wen Tsung-jao, President of the Legislative Council of the "Reformed Government"; Lieut.-Gen. Hayao Tada, Commander-in-Chief of Japanese Expeditionary Forces to North China; and Lieut.-Gen. Seiichi Kita, Director of the North China Liaison Office of the Asia Development Board.

Following a declaration of peace and national unification by Mr. Wang, congratulatory addresses were delivered by Lieut.-Gen. Tada and Mr. Liang.

Mr. Liang and his party, representing the "Reformed Government" arrived in Peiping by rail from Nanking this morning. In addition to attending the ceremonies they were scheduled to participate in the seventh meeting of the Joint Commission Conference, composed of representative committees from the "Reformed" and "Provisional Governments."—Domei.

Korean Boys to Serve Army

Twenty Korean boys, from 16 to 19 years of age, arrived in Shanghai in the Shanghai Maru on Wednesday en route to Nanking where they will be employed as servants at the Japanese garrison headquarters there, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

Mr. Shigeta Endo, an official of the accounts section of the Government-General of Chosen, accompanied the group, which consisted of those chosen from 150 applicants for the jobs. The selection was made by the Government-General at the request of the Japanese forces now in Central China.

Spain Signs Commercial Treaty with Portugal

Madrid, Dec. 14.

Spain has signed a commercial treaty with Portugal, it was announced here today. The treaty is designed to increase trade between the two countries.—Reuter.

Air Fleet for Blood Transfusion Service

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

A fleet of aircraft has been specially fitted to transport blood for transfusion purposes. This will enable blood to be sent to army hospitals in France or any city in England which might suffer casualties in an air raid.—Reuter.

Financial Agreement Welcomed

"Manchester Guardian" Says It Completes Alliance

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

The financial agreement between Great Britain and France, announced on Tuesday, was the one thing missing from the comprehensive economic agreement of November 17, declares the "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial.

The new agreement, the newspaper points out, gives the lie to the German legend that the interests of the Allies are separate, and refutes the propaganda which is seeking to divide them.

Paragraph Nine, the "Manchester Guardian" adds, is worth emphasizing. It says the two Governments will share certain items of expenditure and "the contribution of the two Governments will be fixed on a basis to take due account of the national wealth of each of them. In general, the French contribution will amount to 40 per cent. and the British to 60 per cent. of the total."

The intimate co-operation of the Allied Governments, the paper concludes, is supplemented by the close bonds of organized labour, as illustrated by the first meeting in Paris today of the Joint Anglo-French Trade Union Council representing 10,000,000 Allied workers.—Reuter.

Spain's Envoy Entertains Lord Halifax

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 14.

The Spanish Ambassador today entertained Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, at luncheon. The guests included the Belgian and Turkish Ambassador.—Reuter.

Mr. G. A. Herbert Not Negotiating

Japanese Reports Denied; Merely Going on Leave

Tientsin, Dec. 14.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that there is no truth in the Japanese report that Mr. G. A. Herbert, formerly British Superintending Consul at Tientsin, is going to Japan to assist in giving finishing touches to discussion on the Tientsin issues, including the question of the silver stocks held by banks in the British Concession.

Mr. Herbert, Reuter is told, has been granted extended sick leave and is leaving Chefoo, where he is at present staying, possibly to go to the United States.

The Japanese report states that Mr. Herbert is arriving in Tientsin from Chefoo today, "preparatory to going to Japan to assist in giving finishing touches to discussion on the Tientsin issues, including the silver question."—Reuter.

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Drop of One Dollar In Price of Rice

Critical Situation Still Prevails; More Strikes, Partly Due to High Cost

The retail price of rice in Shanghai dropped another dollar per "zah" (picul) yesterday, the best grade being sold for $43 and "see mee" for $35. The slight decrease did not seem to improve the situation at all, and two more strikes—in part due to the high cost of living—began during the day.

Agitation by certain outside elements was held chiefly responsible for the strike called at the Ewo Brewery, British, in eastern Yangtszepoo. One hundred and ten workmen, composing the personnel of the plant, walked out, but the office employees did not follow suit. At the Ewo Cold Storage Co., also in Yangtszepoo, the 240 hands remained on strike.

Other enterprises closed because of strikes are the China Soap Co., British, likewise in the Japanese sector, and the Chinese Aluminium Rolling Mills, Swiss, also in Yangtszepoo. Six hundred men are idle at the former establishment, 250 at the latter.

Mediators failed to settle the strike involving the 3,000 workers at the Wing On Cotton Mill No. 3, Markham Road.

A new strike was started at the China Native Products Co., Nanking Road, where some 700 employees refused to work while remaining on the premises. A flat rice allowance instead of the existing hard-times bonuses on a sliding scale, was demanded, according to reports.

No disturbances were reported at any of the establishments involved, but police kept a strict watch in every instance to prevent trouble from starting.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL AREA IN SHANGHAI

NOTICE NO. 10494

In re Application for Letters of Administration of Estate Of

The Late SEVERINA JOSE

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Whereas Carmen Jose has filed a Petition with this Court for issuance to her of Letters of Administration for the above mentioned Estate, stating in essence that, the deceased mother, SEVERINA JOSE, without nationality, died at Shanghai in the year 1939, at the age of thirty-seven, leaving a sum of money namely (1) A current Deposit No. 556 with the Hongkew Branch Office of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, amounting to Four Hundred and Twenty Nine Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents Chinese National Currency (CN$429.38)—(2) A fixed Deposit No. 74/151, amounting to One Thousand Dollars Chinese National Currency (CN$1,000); (3) A fixed Deposit No. 74/19 amounting to One Thousand Dollars Chinese National Currency (CN$1,000). The above-mentioned Estate should, in accordance with law, be administered by the Petitioner.

Now Therefore publication hereof is made in the newspapers to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of the publication, and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of the publication. If no objection has been filed within the specified period of time, this Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

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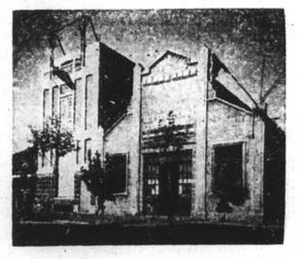

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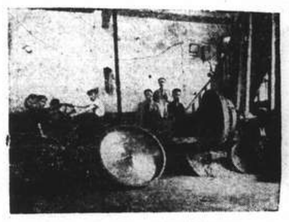

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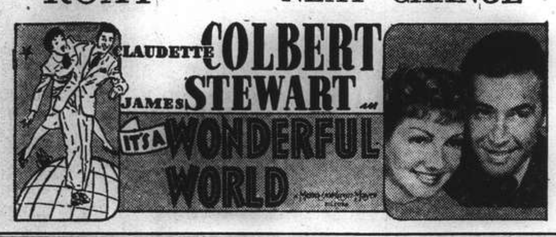

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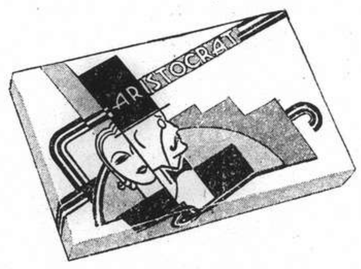

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British Coal Helping To Win the War

Minister on Value of Rationing; Petrol Prospects; Seventeen Pits Reopened and More Men Employed

A FULL and frank explanation of coal and petrol policy, in relation to Britain's war effort, was given me in an interview by the Secretary for Mines, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, writes a special representative of the "Sunday Times." He discussed rationing, plans for increased coal production, and the needs of our export trade. Our talk began when I suggested to Mr. Lloyd that the general public would be grateful for enlightenment on the apparent paradox of coal being rationed when—

"When the country has so much coal," said the Minister, completing the sentence. "Well, even with the programme of increased production which we have already put into operation it will be necessary to secure a reduction in domestic consumption if we are to meet all our requirements.

"There are many factors involved. First, there is the question of increasing production. It is not our policy to dictate plans to the coal industry, and we invited its representatives—the men's leaders as well as the employers—to consider together how best to secure the necessary increase.

"The peace-time output of the country is about 235,000,000 tons a year. We have asked the industry, as a result of our consultations, to aim at a figure of 260,000,000 to 270,000,000 tons in the first instance. The response of both sides of the industry has been most cordial and encouraging. "Naturally we are not setting any limits to upward expansion, and the more coal we get the better we shall be pleased. But, as any practical mining man will tell you, an increase of between 25,000,000 and 35,000,000 tons is a very big undertaking.

Seventeen Pits Re-opened

"Already, in the first month of this effort, an increase of about 300,000 tons a week was achieved. So far seventeen pits have been re-opened, providing work for between 2,000 and 3,000 men. However, it must be realized that pits cannot be re-opened at a moment's notice when they have been closed for years, or new seams very rapidly developed.

"Now comes the question of claims on coal. There are, first, the very large and vitally important requirements of the munitions industry. There are the equally essential requirements of our export trade. Obviously we must use all our energies to expand our exports if we are to obtain the foreign exchange we need for war finance; and in the case of coal we have an unequalled opportunity.

"Our two greatest competitors since 1918, Germany and Poland, are now largely cut off from their customers—for you must remember that coal is preponderantly a water-borne commodity, so that Germany's chief export channel is closed by our command of the seas. France, the South American countries and other neutrals, in fact, all the important overseas markets, are eager for British coal.

Transport Problems

"But, though any coal that can be produced can be sold, there are temporary difficulties—and those apply particularly to the North-east coast—in carrying the coal to the consumer. It is only to be expected that the dislocation of war will in the first weeks result in serious shipping delays. As time goes on these will be reduced, but at the moment they present one of our big problems."

Mr. Lloyd added that the transport problem also was an important reason for rationing domestic consumption. Even during a normal winter in peace time coal could never be carried fast enough to meet the peak demand of the great consuming centres, and with the additional calls that war makes upon railway services the difficulty was rendered more acute. It was all the more necessary that there should be some control of distribution if the needs of all classes were to be fairly supplied.

"We are doing all that we can to avoid hardship," he said. "Full provision is made in the scheme for increase of rations where a household has been augmented by evacuees, in cases of sickness and other special circumstances. Consideration is also given to those who have been particularly economical in the use of fuel in normal times."

Petrol Rationing

Turning to the subject of petrol, I suggested, and the Minister agreed, that rationing had been accepted by the motoring public in general with a very good grace. "Here again" said the Minister," we are doing our utmost to avoid hardship, and we have used the method of consultation wherever it has been possible to get into touch with representative bodies. We have discussed the needs of doctors with the British Medical Association, those of commercial travellers, veterinary surgeons and a number of other callings with the appropriate organizations. And we have given special consideration to the requirements of farmers.

There are, in fact, liaison officers appointed by these associations attached to each Divisional Petroleum Office, so that claims can be investigated on the basis of practical knowledge of the circumstances. I should like, if I may, to add a word of appreciation of the work of the staffs operating the rationing scheme. As an instance of the magnitude of their job I might mention that at one Divisional Petroleum Office alone in the London area the staff have had to deal with 100,000 letters in a week—and this in the opening stages, on top of the work of getting the organization into running order."

The Next Ration Book

Mr. Lloyd commented on the flexibility of the rationing scheme obtained by issuing vouchers, not for quantities, but for units the value of which is capable of variation according to circumstances. May I," he asked, "read into that remark a hint that the value of the unit, which is now one gallon, might be raised?"

"It would not be justifiable to hold out any hope that the value of the unit could be increased in the near future," said Mr. Lloyd firmly. No doubt Mr. Lloyd had in mind the great demands of the Services, the inevitable hazards of ocean transport in war time, and the necessity for reducing as much as possible the demands for foreign exchange.

One further point of interest that the Minister disclosed is that the validity of the next ration book will be from November 23 until January 31, and that subsequent issues will run from the 1st to the end of each month. In the case of the next book, allowance will be made for the additional period between November 23 and December 1.

Death Revealed 21 Years After

Wife Receives Soldier Husband's Last Effects

Private J. H. Allen, of the 2nd Hampshire Regiment, was ordered by his officer to deliver a message to another part of the line. He was never heard of again. For twenty-one years his widow, Mrs. Allen, of Vicarage-road, Alton, Hants, England, has wondered what trick of fate in 1918 claimed her husband for victim.

Last month she received a letter enclosing a stained and torn pay-book—her husband's. The letter was from a Roman Catholic priest in Liverpool. He wrote that the pay-book had been given him by a German priest when he was on holiday in Germany last year.

The letter added: "The priest who gave me the pay book buried your husband in the village of Steenwerk, south of Bailleul, in France, in 1918. "He has kept the pay book and photographs all these years and now I send them on to you.

"The priest lives in Trier in Germany, a town now in the war area, so he will now have to be evacuated. "It will be sad for you to read your husband's will, leaving everything to you.

"The photograph of himself which I also send you was in another pocket separate from the pay book and had been pierced by a shell splinter. "I wonder if, the fine baby whose photograph your husband also carried with him is now grown up."

Mrs. Allen wept as she showed me the pay book and the photographs, one torn by the shell splinter that killed her husband, writes a representative of the "Daily Mirror."

And the baby: had he grown up? Mrs. Allen smiled, then wept again. Yes. He's a man now....and a soldier. Another Private Allen is serving somewhere in France.

Japan May Fulfill Nigeria's Needs

Trade Enquiries Made With Tokyo

Osaka, Dec. 13.

Nigeria, a British colony in west Africa with a population of 20,000,000 people, may rely on Japan for its daily necessities, according to a report received today by the Osaka office of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Since the outbreak of the European war, it was pointed out, British, French, German and Italian shipping lines, which carried goods to Nigeria, have discontinued the West Africa coast service, leaving only Japanese and Dutch calling regularly there.

Consequently, it was stated, the supply of daily necessities has greatly decreased and it was feared that by Christmas all available stock would be exhausted.

Buying of goods from foreign countries early next year was now an urgent problem facing Nigeria, it was stated. If the European war continues until July, 1940, it was expected that Nigeria would have to depend entirely on Japan for its daily necessities. Goods expected to be furnished were rayon, building materials, metal wares and miscellaneous articles. In 1937, according to the latest available figures, Nigeria imported U.S.$85,502,000 worth of goods.—Domei.

Next President of Swiss Confederation Elected

Berne, Dec. 14.

Dr. Marcel Pilet-Golaz, the retiring vice-president, has been elected president for 1940 of the Swiss Confederation, by the Federal Assembly.—Reuter.

Sending English Goods Abroad

Espionage Ruses; Purpose Of New Order; Prohibited Countries

A new order made by the Secretary of State for War aims to prevent vital information being transmitted to the enemy by means of code, invisible writing, or concealed messages introduced into ordinary articles of commerce.

The order, states the War Office, does not interfere with the legitimate methods of trade. Valuable information, however, might be conveyed to the enemy by ingenious methods to adapt the commonplace and apparently harmless service of news, advertisements, photography, and literature to the use of espionage.

Familiar goods and commodities can also be employed to carry hidden messages. Recently a gramophone record was found to be so manipulated that beginning with a speech by Hitler it ended with something quite different.

The new order, which is now in force, supersedes the Control of Communication Orders, which prohibited the export and import otherwise than by post of certain prohibited articles such as newspapers, books, maps, and memoranda to most of the neutral countries in Europe, and also applied to the carrying and shipping of printed matter to all destinations outside the United Kingdom.

Prohibited Countries

Under the new order a permit is no longer required for sending or conveying printed matter to any British Dominion, colony, or mandated territory, or to Eire, France, or to any country in North or South America. Furthermore, passengers to or from countries other than those enumerated may convey "prohibited articles" without a permit provided they are examined and approved by a Customs officer or immigration officer at the port of arrival or departure in the United Kingdom.

The list of prohibited countries has been altered by the removal of Slovakia, Danzig, and Poland, which must now be treated as enemy countries, and by the addition of San Marino, Monaco, Andora and Lichtenstein, and Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

The scope of the order embraces broadly all neutral countries in Europe as well as China, Japan, and Russia. No prohibited matter can be posted, carried, or shipped to any of these countries without a permit. Permits are granted to the trade, by whom applications should be made to the Deputy Chief Censor, Permit Branch, Aintree, Liverpool 9.

Trade Literature

Private individuals are not allowed to send prohibited articles to the countries covered by the order except in special circumstances, and then they must place their order for transmission with the appropriate section of the trade, which will be able to post or ship such articles from their stock under permit.

Many firms who ship goods are not clear as to whether the inclusion of a certain amount of trade literature might result in its being classified as printed matter. They are assured that no objection will be taken to literature packed with and commonly associated with exported goods, such as catalogues, leaflets, show-cards, instructions for the assembly of machinery, or in connection with playing games. Similarly no objection will be taken to ordinary instructions which are usually wrapped or gummed to boxes of goods, patent medicines, and the like.

State May Control San Francisco Harbour

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 13.

Governor Culbert Olson said last night that he may ask the State Legislature to authorize temporary, even permanent, state operation of San Francisco harbour.

The Governor said state control of the harbour would be a permanent solution to labour difficulties.

"You do not have strikes against the state," he declared.—United Press.

Ten Spiders "Doing Their Bit"

Used in Manufacture Of Binoculars

Ten spiders are helping us to win the war, says Mea Allan in the "Daily Herald." They are playing their part in making the binoculars used by men in the field and at sea. I visited the factory in Clerkenwell, E.C., where they work, and met Mr. "Friday" Greed, who is their "foreman"

"This one is called Blackie," was his introduction. When I reached out to touch it he said: "Careful! Black spiders don't like shaking hands. They bite. Stripey is better tempered. And a grand worker, too. Striped spiders are more certain for spinning and give a better web."

The method of using spiders in the making of scientific instruments is a complicated one. Mr. Creed catches them in his garden at Caterham, Surrey.

Arrived in Clerkenwell, the spiders are put to work. Mr. Creed sits them on a small metal frame, taps them, and when they drop he winds the webs round the loom. The webs are then transferred to the diaphragms of telescopes, binoculars, and levelling instruments, and gummed into place.

Splitting Threads

Sometimes, with over-industrious spiders which weave double or triple webs, each tiny thread has to be split.

Although more modern methods have been developed for using spider-webs in the graticules of binoculars, the web is still best for use in the tropics. For wire stretches and loses its accuracy, while a web is elastic and never varies its tension.

New York Market Up

New York, Dec. 13.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange advanced from one to more than two points today as speculative interest increased trading volume.

Wall Street has been impressed by the recent strength of commodities, several of which hit new highs for the season today. Although much is written about the stock market, little definite advice is being given. Observers says the commentators are hammering home the uncertainties, thereby spoiling their own business.

In recent days there has been a little loosening up of the list as a whole and some analysts are suggesting purchases on the declines, which accounts for the ability of the market to hold in a narrow rut.

The continued lack of large scale speculative buying and selling also tends toward narrow fluctuations. Experts say that 1940 business prospects are even brighter than recent forecasts indicated, particularly brighter than the Ayres forecast.—United Press.

How Giant Guns Are Tested

Mass Production of War Materials in Great Britain

All has not been quiet on the Home Front these last 10 weeks. The shells have been piling up. With royal ordnance factories and industrial plant working full out by night as well as by day, the piles of shells—and of bombs and weapons of all kinds—multiply continuously, writes a correspondent to the "Times."

I was privileged to look on for a while at this non-stop effort at a royal ordnance factory of the Ministry of Supply, and to watch the streams of finished products of various kinds issuing forth in answer to the co-ordinated work of men and machines.

Some wonderful machines are turning steadily to ensure that the three Services have enough stores of all sorts. At one point a seated man effortlessly manipulated what looked like the joy stick of an aeroplane, but these easy movements were operating a giant hydraulic press, whose blow was equal to 3,000 tons. Ever so gently it fell upon the red hot billet below. but there was deception in this apparent daintiness, and steadily, relentlessly, the press patted the glowing metal into the length and diameter needed. so that soon it was beginning to look like a gun barrel.

Small boys who grieved at the loss of fireworks this year would find ample compensation here. In some sheds the showers of twinkling stars and leaping flames would outshine even the old Crystal Palace displays. In the shell foundry it is dim, because of black-out requirements, but this adds to the picturesqueness of the scene. Against a dark background the roaring furnaces with fierce flames shooting out, the ruddy faces of the workers as deftly they tap huge pieces of white-hot metal into shape, and the golden rain of sparks as irresistible mechanical hammers do their work, all glow the more brightly. The solid billet is cut to the right length, heated white, and a hole punched in the centre. It is then forced through a die which draws it out to the correct length and thickness.

A Controlled Volcano

In another shop there was what seemed to be a particularly vicious volcano. Flames shot high into the air, sparks scattered, and even lava poured forth. But its eruptions were well under control, and the picture lost some of its grandeur and took on a more domestic aspect when a worker took a poker, even though it must have been more than 20ft. long, and stirred the "volcano" into fiercer activity. Actually this was a tropenas converter, by means of which pig iron is turned into the high grade steel required in the manufacture of trench mortor bombs, and certain shells. When the metal has been heated long enough it is tipped out into a ladle, issuing forth in a golden stream; "physic" is added, and then the molten metal is poured into moulds.

We saw lots of shell numbering 504. The odd four, loaded with sand instead of high explosive, are fired off over the sea and at low water are recovered from the sea bed. If they have stood up to this practical test without revealing a fault, the prospects of the remaining 500 doing service are good. But each one of them has to undergo a long and exhaustive series of ingenious tests of all kinds. They are measured this way and that; small inspection lights are thrust indelicately into their insides; they are weighed, and precautions are taken against "even the millionth chance" of something going wrong. We saw a new anti-tank shell, and a new smoke which produces as effective a smoke screen as six of an old type did.

Where Machines Fail

But machines are not all-important, nor can they always fill the bill. I watched men painting shells to protect them against rust, and doing it, with fairly big shells, at the rate of 100 an hour. Apparently they have tried hard to produce a gadget which could do this work, but no machine so far devised can paint shells as quickly and efficiently as these men do it. And, of course, the personal touch is important throughout the inspection department.

In the proof butts we saw—and heard—a 14in. gun being tested which later will be mounted in a battleship. There was a flash and a mighty roar as a shell of solid steel was fired into a mound of sand, and the recoil sent the gun and the sleigh on which it was mounted running back up a short ramp. This may be dangerous work, and actually gunners and every one stand well back while the gun is fired electrically from a small office some distance behind. Several rounds are fired, and the muzzle velocity of each is measured by means of two screens and a chronograph. Other instruments record data as to the performance of the gun.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Dec. 13.

The American Petroleum Institute of New York, in its weekly report issued today, estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended December 9 totalled 3,827,000 barrels. This represents a gain of 538,000 barrels over the last week, and a gain of 582,000 barrels from the corresponding week last year.

The daily average output for the week ended December 2 was placed at 3,289,000 barrels.—Reuter.

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NOTICE

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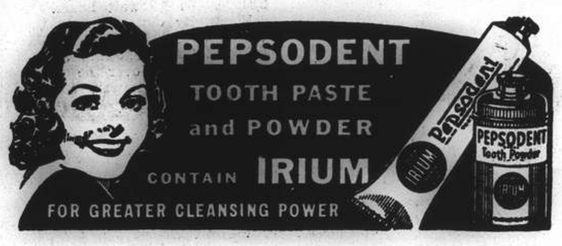
The regular quarterly dividend of Tls. 1.50 per share on the Tls. 6. Silver Preferred Stock of Shanghai Power Company has been declared for payment January 5, 1940, to stockholders of record December 15, 1939, payable in Chinese dollars, Shanghai local currency, upon the basis of one Chinese dollar, Shanghai local currency, equals 0.715 Shanghai Taels.

The transfer books will not be closed.

A. KENDAL WARD,
Secretary and Treasurer

NOTE: Stockholders who do not receive the dividend checks on or before January 9 are requested to apply for such, and any unclaimed checks for preceding dividends, at the Offices of the Company, 181 Nanking Road (Room No. 301).



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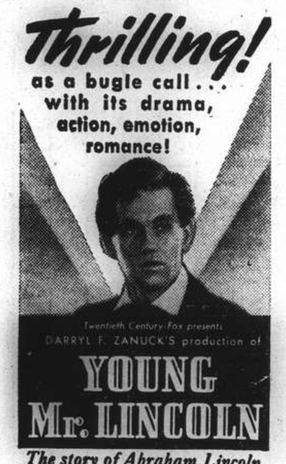
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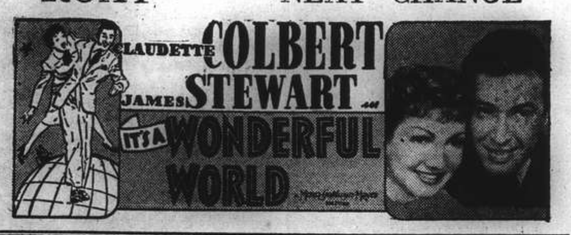

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money & Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 5/16d.	$ 51.89
U.S. $100 @ 7 1/8	$1,322.31
Francs 329	$100
Yen 32 1/8	100
Guilders 14 1/8	100
Rupees 25 5/8	100
Pesos 15 1/8	100
Hongkong $30 3/4	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 3/4d.	$ 50.52
U.S. $100 @ 7 1/8	$1,280.00
London—demand, $1=	4 3/4d.
4 months' sight credits	4 13/16d.
4 months' sight docts	4 7/8d.
6 months' sight credits	4 7/8d.
6 months' sight docts	4 15/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7 1/8
4 months' sight credits	7 1/16
4 months' sight docts	8

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S. $3.93 3/4 U.S. $1=60.96d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 4 13/16d. U.S. $7 1/16
Hongkong/London 1/29 3/32

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying 14 1/2
Java Guilders	" 14 3/8
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 14 1/8
Java Guilders	" 14

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.45 3/4=$1 Belgas 23.50=£1

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,280.00 £1=$50.860
Selling U.S.$100=$1,322.314 £1=$51.891

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 1.50=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.33 3/4=$1
Tourist Lire 1.66 $1

Hua Hsing Commercial Bank

Sterling	Selling Rate	@ 6d. per	H.H.$ 1
"	Buying "	@ 6 1/32 "	H.H.$ 1
U.S.$	Selling "	@ 9 1/32 "	H.H.$100
"	Buying "	@ 10 1/32 "	H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate	@ 130	per H.H.$100
Buying "	@ 135	" H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	4 11/32	Lowest 4 11/32
U.S. G.$		7 1/32	7 3/32
Yen		—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING	BUYING December
£ T.T.	4 1/2	4 m/s. l.c. 4 3/32
G.$ T.T.	7 3/8	4 m/s. l.c. 7 9/16
Fcs. T.T.	330	4 m/s. 346
Rs. T.T.	25 1/16	15 d/s. 25 3/4

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23 1/2	23 1/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	62.15	—
Bombay offtake 200 bars.		

London silver was 1/16 up both ready and forward being 23½ for ready and 23 1/16 forward, New York was unchanged at 34¾ and Bombay was 11 annas up at 62.15.

It was report India bought. Business was small. The market ruled steady. After the official fixing the market was quietly steady.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 5/8 sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 5/8 sterling and 7 1/32 U.S.$ improving to 4 11/32 sterling and 7 1/32 U.S.$ at which, and after which, there were good buyers resulting in a decline to 4 11/32 sterling and 7 1/32 U.S.$. The market closed with sellers at:—

4 25/32	sterling	7 1/16	U.S.$ Cash
4 25/32	"	7 3/32	" Dec.
4 23/32	"	7 1/16	" Jan.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Closing Dec. 13.

Japan	80 3/4	London	1/5 31/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	281/2	" (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	85 1/2	" (buyers)	1/6 1/32
		Japan	
		" (sellers)	82 1/4
		" (buyers)	81 1/4

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	4 1/32d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6 3/32*
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/3 3/32*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4 3/32*
Brussels	24.30	Yokohama	1/2 13/32
Madrid	38.50 *	" (buying)	1/2 5/16
Milan	77.00	Prague	—
Berne	17.80		

*—Unofficial Rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	87.125
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.09 1/2	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.23 1/8	Shanghai	7.70
Brussels	16.51	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.33 1/2	Greece	0.72 1/2
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.33	Finland	1.90
London			3.93 3/4
" Demand			3.93
" Bankers' 60 days bills			3.93
" Commercial 60 days bills			3.93
Buenos Aires Paper			Unq.
" " market rate			22.80
Montreal on London			4.51 13/16

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Dec. 13.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/32%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 1/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2 3/4%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3 1/4%
Call Money		0 1/8%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/16%B 0 3/32%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 3/32%B 0 1/8%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Dec. 13.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, in their weekly bullion letter, write:— Following the sharp fall in Bombay, Indian Bazaar offerings in the London silver market during the past week found poor support and prices declined.

Later, however, there was a reaction in Bombay, and, with better Indian Bazaars sending buying orders for London delivery, prices recovered. —Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Dec. 14.

Silver prices reacted slightly today, with both positions declining 1/16d. from yesterday's levels:

	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
London spot	23 1/16d.	23 1/16d.
" forward	23 11/16d.	23 5/16d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The undertone of yesterday's rubber market was again very steady though it was difficult to make much headway since there was fairly heavy profit—taking each time any particular stock started to show firmness. The heaviest traded stocks were again the cheap ones such as Batus, Chengs Kelantans, Senawangs and Tebongs but at the same time there was a good demand for the investment issues. Industrials though steady were somewhat neglected, the exception being Wheelocks which improved to close at $74.50. Ewos were quiet with the price ranging between $26.40 and $26.10 closing at the latter figure.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low	Today's Averages	Changes
226.72	105.32 General	207.50	+ 0.68
304.80	95.55 Rubbers	283.61	—14.75

Total 283,722 shares, 250 bonds.

Afternoon Session

Telephone 6% Tael Debs.	10000		94.50
China Realty 8% Tael Debs.	4000		85.50
S. M. C. 5% Debs. 1934	10000		75.00
China Realty 8% Tael Debs.	1000		85.25
I. I. Trust	1000	*10.30	6500 10.30
S'hai Loan	500	12.60	4000 *12.60
	500	12.70	7000 12.80 2000 *12.80
	4500	12.80	
Yangtsze Finance	500	*9.00	1500 9.10
New Eng. (Ord)	200	19.80	500 *19.90
	1100	19.90	100 *20.00 100 19.90
	100	20.00	300 20.00
S'hai Dock			50 215.00
Wheelock	1100	71.00	700 *71.00
	100	71.50	400 72.00 100 72.50
	300	*72.50	350 *73.00 500 73.00
	100	*72.50	1000 73.00 900 74.00
	900	*74.00	700 *73.50 2000 74.50
	200	*74.50	
C. G. Omnibus			100 22.75
Telephone	2300	21.75	600 *21.75
Metal	100	18.20	200 18.10
	800	18.20	200 18.30 200 18.40
Kaiping			200 *43.25
Exploration			1000 9.25
Power (Pref)			50 127.00
Ewo Mills (Ord)	100	26.10	100 26.30
	100	26.40	900 26.30 100 *26.40
	600	*26.30	7800 26.30 300 *26.40
	200	26.20	500 *26.30 3000 26.30
	200	26.20	1600 26.20 700 6.10
Alma			200 *38.75 100 39.00
	200	*38.75	
Anglo Dutch	200	18.80	700 18.90
	200	18.80	100 *18.90 100 18.80
	300	*18.90	300 18.80
Anglo Java			300 *38.00 300 38.00
	300	37.50	
Batu Anam	1000	*1.30	1000 1.34
	1000	1.36	10000 1.34
Bute			2000 *8.65
Chemor	4000	2.70	2000 2.72 1/2
	2000	2.70	
Cheng	2000	0.73	11000 0.74
	5000	0.75	3000 0.74 4000 0.75
	1000	0.74	2000 0.75
Consolidated	2000	*7.30	1500 7.30
	2500	7.35	1000 7.30 5790 7.35
Dominion			2000 10.70
Java Consolidated			3000 5.00
	3000	4.95	
Kroewoek			5000 3.15
Langkat	1300	*27.50	900 27.50
	100	27.25	700 27.50 1000 27.25
Padang			4000 2.70
Permata	1000	1.30	2000 *1.32
	1000	1.32	
Repah	5000	1.30	1000 *1.30
	1000	1.26	
Rubber Trust	1000	*8.00	3500 8.00
	500	7.90	
Samagaga	2000	*2.30	500 2.27 1/2
Semambu	1500	1.58	1000 1.58
Senawang	2000	*1.62	33000 1.62
Kedah	500	*11.70	1000 11.70
Kelantan	5000	0.74	3000 0.75
	2000	0.76	1000 *0.76
Seremban			4000 2.75
Sungei Duri			200 60.00
Tanah Merah	3000	3.45	1000 *3.42 1/2
	2000	3.42 1/2	
Tebong	7000	1.48	1000 *1.48
	1000	1.46	5000 *1.48 2000 1.48
	1000	*1.46	2000 1.48 1000 *1.43
	2000	1.46	1000 1.48
Ziangbe			500 27.75

ODD LOTS

Telephone	70	21.25	50 21.50
Cheng			500 0.73
Ewo Mills (Ord)			50 26.10
S'hai Loan			250 12.70
Power (Pref)			6 126.75
Batu Anam			242 1.32
S'hai Loan			100 12.70
Batu Anam			245 1.32
S'hai Loan			200 12.80
Cheng			500 0.75
Telephone	75	*21.50	10 *21.50
Consolidated			240 7.30
Power (Pref)			1 *126.75
Wheelock			22 74.00
Tebong			500 1.44
Anglo Java			50 37.25
Consolidated			100 *7.30
Kelantan			500 0.74
Consolidated			400 7.30
Tanah Merah	500	3.40	500 3.42 1/2
Rubber Trust			21 7.90

*—Direct Business.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 13.

The cotton market early advanced on substantially higher Liverpool and Bombay advices, good trade, foreign and speculative buying and covering by shorts. At the higher levels, some hedging and profit taking reduced earlier gains, but prices again advanced on Wall Street and commission house buying. Finally, the market closed very strong on general buying, with quotations ranging from 37 to 48 points up.

Prices in the rubber market today advanced on overnight buying orders, trade, commission house and foreign demand and sustained speculative support. At the close, quotations ranged from 10 to 15 points up.

Wheat prices in Chicago today moved higher on general buying, shorts covering, firm Winnipeg advices and the continuance of unfavourable crop reports. At the final bell, gains of 4 5/8 to 4¾ cents were recorded.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber
Dec.	11.56-56 +48	
Jan.	11.45-45 +40	
Mar.	11.22-28 +45	
May	10.88-90 +42	Mar. 19.53-55 +12
July	10.50-50 +45	May 19.10-10 +15
July (N.C.)		July 18.75-75 +10
	10.74-74 +45	
Oct. (N.C.)		
Oct.	9.95-98 +37	
Dec. (N.C.)	Unq.	

N. Y. Sugar No. 3		N. Y. Sugar No. 4	
Mar.	1.93-94 +5 B/A	Mar.	1.55 1/2-57 +4 B/A
May	1.96-98 +4 B/A	May	1.57-57 1/2 +4 1/2 B/A
Sept.	2.00-01 +3 B/A	Sept.	1.59-60 +4 B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	99 3/4-99 7/8 +4 3/4	May	57 1/4-57 3/8 +2
July	97 3/4-97 1/2 +4 3/8		

Winnipeg Wheat		New York Silk	
May	87 3/4-87 7/8 +2 3/8	Dec.	3.76B-80A +15

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Many Factors Disturb Business Forecasts

Cleveland, Dec. 12.

Col. Leonard Ayres of the Cleveland Trust Co. said yesterday in his year-end business review that business in the United States is expanding and more workers are being employed but the European wars and the forthcoming Presidential election "make it impossible to foresee clearly the probable development of business in 1940."

He said he believed all-time highs would be made in 1940 in aeroplane production, electric power output, tobacco products and petroleum refining.—United Press.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 13.

Stock prices mostly advanced today from fractions to two points, aided by cheerful trade and industrial news and is belated response to the bull movement of leading commodities. Conditions in the market were more active, and values showed a tendency to advance along a broad front.

Tax-selling was easily absorbed, with traders paying little attention to European news.

Steels, aircrafts and motors were very prmoinent; rails were supported by expectations of carloadings showing less than a seasonal decline; and, oils were restrained by the failure of war orders to materialize.

In the meantime, while a sustained upswing is not anticipated pending some clarification of the business outlook, it is difficult to work up much pessimism over market conditions in view of the Strength of commodities.

The volume of trading today amounted to 1,060,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	149.29	147.12	148.94	+2.01
20 Rails	32.08	31.34	32.00	+0.69
15 Utilit.	24.95	26.80	24.86	+0.16
40 Bonds	—	—	89.27	+0.26
11 Commod.	—	—	62.33	+2.02

	Dec. 12	13
Adams Express	8 1/2	8 5/8
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	22	22 1/2
Allied Stores	9 3/8	9 1/2
Allis Chalmers	38	39
Aluminium Ltd.	97 1/2	96
Amer. Can	111 1/2	113
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	30 1/2	32
Amer. & For. Power	2 1/8	2
" $7 pfd.	24 3/4	25 5/8
Amer. Gas & Elec.	37 1/4	38
Amer. Locomotive	21 1/2	22 1/2
Amer. Metal	24 1/4	24 1/4
Amer. Radiator	9 1/4	9 3/8
Amer. Rolling Mill	16 3/8	17
Amer. Smelting & Ref.	50	51 5/8
Amer. Sugar Refinng	B 20 1/8	21 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170	170 3/4
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83 1/4	83 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/8	11 3/8
Anaconda Copper	30	31 3/8
Atchison T. & S. Fe	23 3/8	24 3/4
Auburn	27/8	2 7/8
Baldwin Locomotive	16 1/8	17 3/4
Batimore & Ohio	5 3/4	6 1/8
Barber Asphalt Corp.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Barnsdall Oil Co.	12 1/8	12 1/8
Bendix Aviation	29 5/8	30 1/8
Bethlehem Steel	81 5/8	83 5/8
Bliss (E.W.)	15	15
Boeing Airplane	22 1/4	23 1/8
Borg Warner	24 1/4	24 1/2
Briggs Mfg. Co.	22 1/4	22 5/8
Bkyn-Manhattan Trans.	14 3/8	14 3/4
" $6 pfd.	50 1/8	50 1/8
Bud Mfg. (E.G.)	5 1/2	5 1/2
Can. Pacific Rly.	4 3/4	5
Case J.I.	73 1/8	73
Celanese Corp.	27 5/8	29
Chase Nat. Bank	B 35 1/4	B 36 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 5/8	40 1/8
Chrysler	86 1/2	88 1/8
Climax Molybdenum	47 1/4	47 3/4
Colt's Petent Fire-Arms	B 81 1/2	B 82 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6 1/8	6 3/8
6% "A" pfd.	85	85
Comi. Credit	45 1/4	45 1/4
Comm. & Southern	1 3/8	1 1/4
Consolid. Edison	30 1/8	29 7/8
Consolidated Oil	7 1/8	7 1/8
Continental Can	42 1/4	42 3/4
Continental Oil	22	22 1/2
Corn Products	62	62 1/8
Curtiss Wright (com.)	10 1/8	10 5/8
" "A"	28	28 1/2
Deere & Co.	22 7/8	23 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	16 1/2	16 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	75 3/4	78 3/8
Du Pont de Nemours	178 3/4	180 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2	11 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	29	29 1/2
Elec. Auto Lite	37	37 5/8
Elec. Bond & Share	7 3/8	7 5/8
" $5 pfd.	B 57	B 57
" $6 pfd.	67	66 1/2
Elec. Pwr. & Lt. 7% pfd.	29 1/4	30
Flintkote	20 1/4	21
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	55	55
Gen. Elec.	39 1/8	39 3/4
Gen. Motors	53 3/8	54 1/2
Gen. Rly. Signal	18 1/2	19
Gen. Tire & Rubber	B 21 1/2	22 7/8
Glidden Co.	17	17 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 3/4	20
" $5 pfd.	65 1/2	66 3/4
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	17 5/8	18 1/4
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	23 3/8	24 1/8
Great Nthrn. Rly.	27 3/4	28 3/4
Great Western Sugar	28 3/4	29
Greyhound Corp.	17	17 1/8
Hercules Powder	87	88
Homestake Min.	60 1/8	60
Int. Harvester	6 0 1/4	62 7/8
Int. Nickel	35	35 3/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4 1/8	4 1/8
Johns Manville	76	75 5/8
Jones & Laughlin 7% cum.	68	B 68 1/2
Kennecott	37 1/4	37 3/4
Lakey Foundry & Machine	B 3 7/8	4
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	48 1/4	49 7/8
Lockheed Aircraft	31 1/2	32 1/8
Loew's Inc.	33 1/2	33 1/4
Martin, Glenn Co.	38 1/4	39 7/8
McKesson & Robbins $3 pfd.	B 16	B 16 1/4
Monsanto Chemical	103 1/2	105
Montgomery Ward	*54 1/4	54 5/8
Nat. Aviation	12 1/8	12 3/4
Nat. City Bank	B 28	B 29
Nat. Dairy Products	15 1/4	15 1/8
Nat. Distillers	23 5/8	23 5/8
Nat. Gypsum	11 1/8	11 3/8
Nat. Lead	20 1/2	20 5/8
Nat. Power & Lt.	8 3/8	8 3/8
Nat. Steel Corp.	71 3/4	72 1/4
New York Central	17 7/8	19 1/4
Nat. Supply Co.	9 3/8	9 1/4
Niagara Hudson Power	6	6 1/8
North Amer. Aviation	24 7/8	25 3/8
North Amer. Co.	21 1/2	22 1/8
Northern Pacific	9	9 3/8
North Amer. Co.	21 1/2	22 1/8
Northern Pacific	9	9 3/8
Owens-Illinois-Glass	61 1/4	61 3/4
Pacific Gas & Elec.	32 3/8	32 3/4
Pacific Lighting	47 3/8	47 1/2
Packard Motors	3 1/4	3 1/4
Paramount Pictures	7 3/8	7 3/8
Pennsylvania R.R.	22	23
Phelps Dodge	40	41
Phila. & Reading Coal	B 0 1/2	0 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2	39 1/4
Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	B 8 1/2	9
Public Serv. of N.J.	39 3/8	39 3/4
Pullman Inc.	33 1/4	33 1/2
Pure Oil	8 1/2	8 3/8
Radio Corp. of Amer.	5 3/8	5 5/8
Reading Co.	16 7/8	17
" 1st pfd.	B 25	B 25
Remington Arms Co.	B 4 3/4	B 5
Repubic Aviation	5 1/2	5 7/8
Republic Steel Co.	22 3/8	23 3/4
Revere Copper & Brass	14 3/4	14 3/4
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	37 1/2	37 1/2
Richfield Oil	7 5/8	7 3/4
Safeway Stores	45 3/4	46 1/2
Schenley	12 3/8	12 1/2
Sears Roebuck	80	81
Shell Union Oil	12 1/8	12 1/4
Socony-Vacuum	11 1/2	11 3/4
Sthrn. Pacific	14 5/8	15 5/8
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	33 1/4	34 3/8
Sperry Corp.	45	45 1/4
Spicer Mfg.	B 30 3/4	B 32
Stand. Brands	5 1/2	5 3/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	2 3/8	2 3/8
Stand. Oil of Calif.	24 3/4	24 3/4
Stand. Oil of N.J.	42 7/8	42 3/4
Stone & Webtser	11	11 7/8
Studebaker	8 5/8	8 7/8
Swift International	B 31 1/4	31 1/4
Technicolor	12	13 3/8
Texas Corp.	42 5/8	42 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	32 5/8	32 7/8
Transamerica	6 1/8	6
Tw. Century Fox Film,	12	12 1/8
" pfd.	22	22 1/2
Un. Carbide & Carbon	84 3/4	86 1/4
Un. Pacific	97 1/2	98
Un. Aircraft	43 5/8	45 1/4
Un. Air Lines Trans.	14 5/8	15
Un. Corp.	2 3/8	2 3/8
" $3 cum. pfd.	39	39 5/8
Un. Gas Corp.	1 3/4	1 7/8
Un. Gas Improvement	14 1/8	14 1/4
U. S. Indus. Alcohol	22 1/2	23 3/4
U. S. Rubber	40 1/8	41 3/8
" 8% n-c pfd.	107	108
U. S. Steel	66 1/2	68 1/2
Vanadium	33	35
Walworth	5 7/8	6 1/4
Warner Bros. Picts.	3 1/4	3 3/4
Westinghouse Elec.	109 1/2	111
Woodward Iron	B 23 3/4	24 1/8

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	61 3/4	61 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	25 3/4	26
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	17 1/4	17 1/4
" 6 1/2% 1957	14 1/4	14 1/4
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt. 5 1/2s	87 5/8	89 1/4
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	14 5/8	15 1/4
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s 1955	39	41
New England Gas & Elec. 6s	67 1/2	68
Republic of Colombia 6s 1961	33 1/2	33 3/8
Republic of Colombia	33 5/8	33 7/8
Sthrn. Pacific Co. 4 1/2s '68	45 7/8	47
Stand. Gas & Elec. 6s 1951	67	66 1/2

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Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices advanced today with some gains exceeding two points on an increased volume, following the rise of several leading commodities into new high ground for the season. Wheat gained nearly four cents a bushel, while cotton gains reached $2.00 per bale with half of the rise being retained. The market rise is attributed to speculative demand for many items, although prospects of a small wheat crop played a major part in the wheat advance. Rising consumption, both domestic and foreign, was an important factor in the cotton rise.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 13.

Fairly active conditions were witnessed on the London Stock Exchange today, with prices closing mostly higher.

Good gains were recorded in rubber shares, silks, tobacco, oils and motors, while heavy industries and gold mining issues ruled fairly steady.

Chinese and Japanese bonds were featureless.—Reuter.

	Dec. 12	13
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£92 1/16	95 5/8

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	48	48
Japan 6% Stg. Loan 1924	56	55 1/4

Osaka, Dec. 14.

Kogo 5%	Y.105.35

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	15/3	15/-
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	39/3	39/1 1/2
Austin Motors, ord.	17/9	17/9
Bristol Aeroplane	15/1 1/2	15/1 1/2
British American Tob.	89/4 1/2	89/4 1/2
Cable & W., new form	57 1/4	57 1/2
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/6	6/6
Courtaulds	35/9	36/7 1/2
Distillers	63/9	60/-
Dunlop Rubber	28/-	28/1 1/2
General Elec. (Eng.)	75/3	75/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	81/-	76/6
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	18/3	16/-
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/6	29/1 1/2
Imp. Tobacco	116/9	117/6
Leyland Motors	87/9	88/1 1/2
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/6	51/6
Pressed Steel, com.	14/-	14/1 1/2
Rolls-Royce	95/7 1/2	95/7 1/2
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/6	13/6
Tate & Lyle	57/1 1/2	56/9
Turner & Newall	73/4 1/2	74/1 1/2
United Steel	21/3	21/4 1/2
Vickers, ord.	16/4 1/2	16/4 1/2
Woolworths	60/9	60/9

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	27/1 1/2	27/6
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	33/-	33/6

MINES

Burma Corp.	11/-	11/6
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	14/6	14/6
Randfontein Ests.	38/1 1/2	38/1 1/2
Sub-Nigel	203/9	200/-
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	11/-	10/9

OILS

Anglo-Iranian	51/3	52/6
Burmah	60/-	60/-
Mexican Eagle	6/7 1/2	6/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	78/9	79/4 1/2

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£55	55
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47	47
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	45	45
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25	25
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	35	34
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	17	17
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	16	16
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	18	18
5% T'sin-Pukow Rly. B.	14	14
5% " " G.	14	14
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	14	14
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	14	14
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	17	17
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/-	13/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	23	23
Charid. Bank of I. A. & C.	8	8
H. & S. Bank (Lin. Reg.)	82 1/2	82
" " (Col. Reg.)	84 1/2	85
Mercantile Bank of India	11 5/8	11 5/8
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/-	17/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	—	—
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	20/7	21/3

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 13.

After ruling firm on outside buying, the London rubber market reacted on cessation of this demand, after which quietly steady conditions prevailed.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 11 1/8 +1/16; sellers 12 1/16 +1/16; January delivery, buyers 12 +1/8; sellers 12 1/8 +1/8; **Liverpool Cotton:** American Futures: Jan. 8.65 +25; Mar. 8.67 +25; May 8.68 +25; July 8.65 +25; Egyptian Futures: (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract: Jan. 10.10 +50; Mar. 10.27 +50; May 10.40 +50; July 10.48 +50. **London Metals:** Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £266 1/2 —6; 3 mths sellers £264 —4 1/2.—Reuter.

European Currencies Strengthen

New York, Dec. 13.

A broad improvement was witnessed in European Currencies on the New York foreign exchange market today.

Sterling opened at 3.93 and closed at 3.93¾, compared with the previous close of 3.92⅝. The high for the day was 3.94⅛ and the low 3.92¾.

The franc opened at 2.22⅞ and finished at 2.23⅛, against the previous final level of 2.22½.

The initial quotation for the belga was listed at 16.47 and the closing at 16.51, compared with yesterday's close of 16.45.

Dealers associated the advance with the announcement of the Anglo-French financial agreement, which is regarded as a strengthening factor for sterling and the franc.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 14.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Atoks	.185	.18
Antamok	.15 S	.15 S
Baguio Gold	.155 S	.155 S
Batong Buhay	.012 S	.012 S
Big Wedge	.205	.205
Coco Grove	.165 S	.165 S
Consolidated Mines	.0025	.0025
Demonstration	.105 S	.105 S
East Mindanao	.105 S	.105 S
I. X. L.	.40	.40
Ipo Gold	.13	.135 S
Itogon	.235 S	.235 S
Mambulao Consolidated	.013	.014

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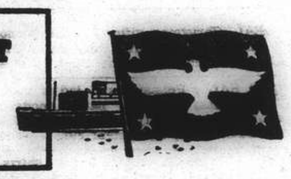

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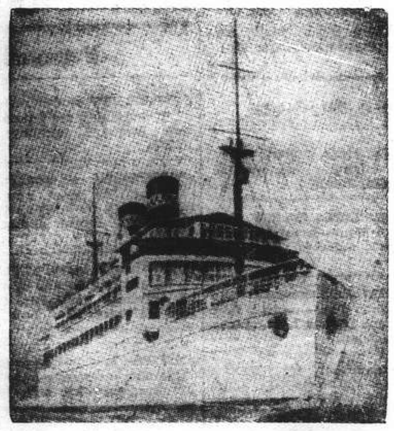

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From DAIREN: Hoten Maru, With mail, due between 2-3 p.m., Whangpoo Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai. Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From ANTWERP

Tamesis	20/10	17/12

From GENOA

C. B'camano	23/11	20/12

From TRIESTE

Cortellazzo	28/10	24/12
Fusijama	21/11	10/1

From BOMBAY

C. B'camano	5/12	20/12
Cortelazzo	24/11	24/12

From SINGAPORE

C. B'camano	12/12	20/12
Cortelazzo	6/12	24/12

From SOERABAYA

Tjibadak	1/12	18/12
Tjitjalengka	8/12	25/12

From BATAVIA

Tjitjalengka	12/12	25/12

From MANILA

Tjibadak	10/12	18/12
P Cleveland	13/12	18/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

Vigrid	10/10	25/12
M. Maersk	10/11	26/12
L. Maersk	25/11	10/1
A. Maersk	9/12	24/1

From PANAMA

L. Maersk	6/12	10/1

From LOS ANGELES

Tatuta M.	20/11	16/12
M. Maersk	1/12	26/12

From LOS ANGELES

P. Coolidge	11/12	31/12

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From YOKOHAMA

Tatuta M.	8/12	16/12

From NAGASAKI

Shanghai M.	15/12	16/12

From KEELUNG

Hukuken M.	23/12	25/12

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN

Boissevain	15/11	23/12

From MOMBASA

Boissevain	3/12	23/12

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN

Tsingtao M.	16/12	18/12

Vessels Leaving

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Dec. 15.

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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL

Hakone Maru	28/12
Kasima Maru	5/1

For GENOA

C. B'camano	22/12
C. Verde	21/1

For OSLO

Tai Ping	22/12

For CAPETOWN

Boissevain	25/12

For BOMBAY

Kaisyo Maru	20/12

For CALCUTTA

Delagoa Maru	23/12

For JAVA

Tjibadak	21/12
Tjitjalengka	28/12

For MANILA

P. Coolidge	3/1

For NEW YORK

Gret. Maersk	15/12
Talisman	19/12
G. Maersk	1/1
Nagara Maru	3/1
H. Maersk	15/1

For San FRANCISCO

P. Cleveland	20/12
Tatuta Maru	26/12
P Pierce	2/1
P. Coolidge	16/1
P. Taft	29/1

For YOKOHAMA

Hakozaki Maru	30/12

For KOBE

Taiyo Maru	20/12

For NAGASAKI

Shanghai Maru	17/12
Nagasaki Maru	19/12
Shanghai Maru	22/12

For DAIREN

Dairen Maru	15/12
Hoten Maru	17/12
Tsingtao Maru	20/12
Dairen Maru	23/12
Hoten Maru	26/12
Tsingtao Maru	29/12

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN Dec. 25. MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK (Koh-Si-Chang), SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Boissevain sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Monday, December 25. Cargo accepted for all ports in South and East Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. No. 16247 (4 Lines). 25-12

Vessels Discharging

HULDA MAERSK. The Maersk Line m.s. Hulda Maersk, from New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newport News, Norfolk, Los Angeles, Yokohama and Kobe via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai side bwy Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes Davy on Monday morning, December 18, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Shanghai Agency, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 15-12

JEAN LABORDE. From Mrseilles via Ports arrived on December 13, 1939, and discharging her cargo at Hunt's Wharf, Shanghai. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for exchange of Delivery Orders and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees and claims against this steamer must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, December 20, 1939, at 9 a.m. at the wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. No Insurance effected. Cie des Messageries Maritimes. 15-12

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FRIDAY, December 15.		Reg.	Ord.
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton		15.30	16.00
Central American and Canal Zone	AZ	—	—
Foochow via Sanklangkow		19.30	20.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, December 16.			
Tsingtao		9.30	10.00
Tsingtao Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin		10.30	11.00
Ningnsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai	X	10.30	11.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		16.30	17.00
Aust. N.Z. and Straits	BX	19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	X	19.30	20.00
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		20.00	20.00
Tsingtao and Dairen		20.00	20.00
SUNDAY, December 17.			
Weihaiwei Chefoo and Tientsin		10.00	10.00
Nantung		10.00	15.15
Japan and Korea Canada U.S.A. and Europe via Pacific	C	10.00	16.00

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Per steamer via Pacific, Dec. 19, due L'don Jan. 22.
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Weather, Time and Tide

Friday, December 15, 1939 (5th day of 11th moon)

	SICCAWEI			
	Dec. 13		Dec. 14	
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	30.50	30.54	30.57	30.62
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.01	0.00	+0.05	+0.04
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.02	—0.04	+0.07	+0.08
Wind (direction)	WNW	Var.	NW	NNW
" (miles per hour)	11.8	5.0	5.6	2.5
Temperature (Fahr.)	47.5°	36.9°	32.0°	41.5°
Humidity %	61	93	98	71
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	2	0	0	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 13	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.54	—0.03	30.28
Temp. Min. 40.°3 Max. 53.°5	46.°8	+5.°7	43.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.08	0.02	43.84

Time and Tide	15/12	16/12	17/12	18/12	19/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.45	6.45	6.46	6.47	6.47
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.53	16.53	16.53	16.54	16.54
Moon rises at Shanghai	9.42	10.18	10.52	11.24	11.57
Moon sets at Shanghai	21.03	21.58	22.48	23.40	—
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	12.37	13.10	13.50	14.48	16.00
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	18.15	6.28	7.10	8.05	9.20
H.W. Wusung Bar 6 to 18	14.40	15.10	16.05	17.05	5.55
Ht. above L.W. (feet)	8.30	7.02	7.00	6.40	6.18

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ss. HOTEN MARU	Dec. 15	Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 18	Dec. 20 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Dec. 21	Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU	Dec. 24	Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 27	Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.

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ms. BOISSEVAIN	From Shanghai	Dec.	25, 1939
	From Hongkong	Jan.	4, 1940*
ms. TEGELBERG	From Shanghai	Jan.	24, 1940
	From Hongkong	Feb.	1, 1940

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Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Anwoo	T'senkong	Dah Hsing
Ryoga M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Corona	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Yamahuzi M.	Borneo	Y.K.K.
Patti	Sanhokong	V. Chieri
Kiangting	T'lungkong	Foo Hwa
Luise	Hsinkong	G.M. Co.
Jun M.	Tsingtao	K.U.K.
Tikugo M.	—	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Romolo	Liuho Point	V. Chieri
Chingning M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Aso M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Heini	Ger.	Ship Agency
Tachibana M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Karsten	Ger.	Chin Dah
Sandro Sandri	Ital.	Chu Foong
Kiangnan	Ger.	Chu Foong
Woolgar	Nor.	Jebsen
H. Kiangnan	Ger.	Foo Hwa

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
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In the Russian Colony

By "Strov"

In connection with a recent news agency report which described how Mr. Alexander Kerensky, former Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of all the Russias, condemned the Soviet invasion of Finland, it would be interesting to note how other heads of the Russian emigration look upon the war between Germany and the two great European democracies. In Paris, Mr. George Semenov, venerable editor of the nationalist emigre newspaper "Resurrection," writes thus: "Hitler has spoken, and Germans in Riga, Revel and Kovno, the wealthy and free citizens of Latvia, Esthonia and Lithuania—who do not come under Hitler's rule — must close their factories, shops, offices and schools, and, left with only their tears and prayers, board ships back to Germany, there to be met by unquestioning obedience to Hitler, by ration cards and orders to go forth to war in league with the Bolsheviks. Thus Hitler's "self-determination of nations" resolves itself into the simple formula; either the swastika or the hammer-and-scythe. Now that Stalin has sent his troops to the Baltic states, Hitler proposes and disposes in these regions as he wishes. And to think that certain Russians and some foreigners assure us that Stalin is continuing the policy of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great by reclaiming for the Russian Empire her former territory! Under what Russian Emperor would it be possible for a foreign government to dare to order Russian subjects to sell their belongings and leave for other shores?"

The October 13 issue of the same newspaper reports how, on June 26th, Editor Semenov met General Bizkupsky in Berlin. The latter has been placed by the German Government at the head of the Russian emigres living in the country. It was at that early date that General Bizkupsky told Mr. Semenov that "the Germans are deep in intrigue in Moscow, and it is at their suggestion that Stalin is being insolent to the English." Mr. Semenov admits that at first he could not bring himself to believe this seemingly wild view.

Joining French Army

Recently General Vitkovsky, President of the Union of Ex-Servicemen of the Army and Navy, and Mr. V. A. Maklakov, former Russian Ambassador to France and now the head of Russian emigration in that country, were received by the French High Command for a discussion on the participation of former Russian officers and men in the defence of France. The greater part of the male population of emigration are former officers. All those who have volunteered for military service and who have passed the medical examination — to say nothing of those Russians who have already been mobilized — have been given the opportunity of serving in the French Army and Navy under the same conditions as the French. In the matter of privileges, officers of the All-Military Union are on the same footing as the French combatants.

Mr. Ivan Tkhorjevsky, who was one of the assistants of the late famed Prime Minister P. A. Stolypin in the latter's great agricultural reforms in Russia beween 1906 and 1911, writes: "The life-slogan of Russian patriots has always been "Honour and the Motherland." Honour comes even before the Motherland. Stalin has no religion except Marxism. Hitler has no religion except German racialism. But Russia and the Russians have a religion. They have a Heavenly God. He forbids them to trade in oaths, delight in political violation and morally grind the vanquished under heel. The Poles have not always been on the best of terms with the Russians but that does not rob them of a right for national existence and self-respect in our eyes. Politics may permit compromises, but union with Satan we reject. It is impossible to build either an army or a government without an understanding of honour. Our Russian honour does not permit us to rejoice over the demise of ruined Warsaw. For us Slavs it is impossible to hear the death sentence of Poland with equanimity. In Europe, Poland could not replace Russia in the balance of nations, but she and her 22 millions in population cannot be deprived of their political existence. The aggression of Hitler and Stalin will not be the last words of future history books."

Finland Under Russian Rule

Prof. P. N. Meliukov, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and a world famous historian writes on the Finnish question: "When the Russians conquered Finland after the defeat of Sweden in 1809, the Swedes entertained no fears regarding their independence. Foreign newspapers wrongly describe the relationship which existed between Russia and Finland before 1917. In reality, Finland, a mere province of Sweden before the war with Russia, obtained through Russian hegemony complete control of its internal affairs. The Emperor of Russia, who was also Grand Duke of Finland, was absolute monarch in Russia but only a constitutional monarch in Finland." Prof. G. G. Telbor goes even further. In a special report he proves that if Finland stands today in terror of Red invasion, then during the 110 years that she was under the Russian Empire she could only have pretended to maintain autonomy, but was in reality receiving full support from the Empire.

The local Russian press notes that during the last week, the Chinese courts have seen very few Russians or foreigners of other non-extra-territorial countries brought up before the usually miscellaneous array of charges. This may be explained by the recent arrival of Shanghai's bitter winter, which has already forced the many different species of foreign tramps to be found in Shanghai to seek warmth and shelter safe from the searching hands of the Municipal police—in one or the other of the local gaols. The decrease in credit allowances and the insistence on cash may also have had a good effect in stemming possible trouble at its source. On the "rental front," once a turbulent section of every day's court session, things have quietened down too. With conditions returning to normalcy, a great many Chinese are going back to their provinces, and with conditions in Europe forsaking normalcy, a great many Europeans are returning to their countries. Besides these contributing factors an epidemic of compromise has caused many petty cases to be settled in lawyers' offices instead of at the nervous expense of the judge.

Names' Day

St. George's Day was celebrated by local Russians on December 9. Of all the Russian military decorations, the plain, white enamel cross of St. George, the symbol of infinite bravery, was the highest medal obtainable in the Army and Navy. On this occasion a holy service was held at the Church of St. Nicholas. Bishop Juvenalius read the prayers and among the congregation were Lieut. General K. Walter and many former participants in the Great War. In the evening a dinner was held for the Cavaliers of the Order of St. George and members of the Russian Military, as well as a large sprinkling of ladies. The dinner was followed by a Ball.

On December 7 graduates of Tomsky's Imperial University gathered at the Russian Club to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of their Alma Mater. Friends of the graduates, most of whom are doctors or barristers-at-law, were also present. The president of the Tomsky clan, Dr. M. K. Podayachev, sat at the head of the table and notable members present included Drs. K. F. Zakharoff, G. I. Rosenkevitch, K. A. Shernakoff, G. M. Krivoruchko, N. I. Churilin, A. M. Peisahoff, and Messrs. N. I. Kolesnichenko, E. N. Shendrikoff, Barristers-at-law, General M. M. Govoroff and many others.

December 7 also found many girls of the Russian colony celebrating their names' day, that of the Patron Saint, Katherine. Prima donna of the Light Opera, Miss Katherine Orlovskaya, was one of the most noted, receiving as she did a large number of different presents and basket upon basket of flowers. Of the younger set Miss Katherine de Sheimo, secretary in the offices of M. d'Auxion de Ruffé, was heavily showered with presents and flowers, too.

Orphanage Benefit

Last week a mahjongg and bridge party was held in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. for the benefit of St. Olga's Orphanage. The event proved a great success with a gathering of over 200 ladies. At 5 p.m. a fashion show was given by Madame Pototsky of the "Salon du Nord, who also contributed one of the most beautiful dresses for a raffle. Some exquisite perfume and an artistically embroidered cushion were also raffled. Net profit from the proceeds of the party exceeded $600.

A Russian radio operator employed on a ship recently visited the Cape of Good Hope where he met many of his compatriots. In Simonstown he found a Dr. H. S. Ivanoff and Mr. A. A. Kochnevsky, an agronomist. In spite of the fact that there are no other Russians in that own, the Russian way of life is still maintained there. The doctor goes about in an embroidered Russian shirt, drinks tea from a *samovar* with Russian fish pies, washes the combination down with *kvass*. He regrets, however, that he has to speak English all the time, and also that there are no new Russian books or newspapers to be read.

A well-known pianist and music teacher, Prof. C. P. Makletsoff, has recently arrived in Shanghai from Colombo. Previous to that he has lived in Tientsin and Hongkong. He is the brother of the famous prima ballerina Kcienia Makletsoff, formerly of the Diagileff Ballet Russe and at present residing in the United States.

Fussians with Soviet Papers

By ancient Russian tradition, the approach of winter marks a period of increased generosity towards the poor. Food is usually supplied for those in need of it. Authorized by Bishop John, the Central Benevolent Committee are collecting funds for free meals to be served to the city's destitute during the first and second days of Christmas.

With reference to the letter from Mr. "Royal and Loyal," published in the columns of this newspaper recently, we must say that, though it is impossible to give official figures concerning the number of Russians with Soviet papers at present resident in Shanghai, we can safely say that they are outnumbered by those without these papers more than ten to one. We remember that when Soviet Ambassador D. V. Bogomoloff came to Shanghai after the reopening of negotiations between the National Government and the U.S.S.R., the Ambassador's secretary, in a statement to the press, told local newspapermen that there were about 500 Soviets resident in the city then. At the same time Shanghai's Russian emigrant population numbered over 20,000.

The Emigrants' Committee informs the public that Russians wishing to leave Shanghai for Tientsin and Peiping by rail must first approach them for the necessary papers. After these have been obtained further permission is required of the Japanese Consulate General for a special permit to travel by rail.

Great War Invalids

The Russian Club held a concert recently in memory of the famous composer P. F. Tchaikovsky. Mr. Igor Goriansky made a speech on the life and works of the great composer which was followed by a musical and vocal programme composed of his works. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Chetverikoff recently called their friends and relatives on the occasion of the christening of their first son. The young mother is one of the most talented members of the Russian Ballet.

The tragic story, mentioned in these columns a few weeks ago, of Mr. I. V. Sterekhov, a Great War Invalid, who, due to hopeless poverty, decided to starve himself to death, centred the interest of the Colony on the activities of the local Union of Russian Invalids. Only invalids having lost 50 per cent. of their ability to work are taken as members in the Union, it was stated by Colonel L. V. Seifullin, the Secretary, in an interview to the press. Invalids who have lost between 40 and 50 per cent. of their ability are under the care of the Union. These percentages are decided by the Medical Committee, consisting of Dr. B. G. Iasinsky, Dr. A. V. Tarle and Dr. P. I. Alekseenko, who also give regular medical treatment to those needing it. Today the Union has 96 members, a third of whom are completely in the care of the Union, while those unemployed are given $20 a month. Previously 20 cents a day for food was alloted to each member, but now this sum has grown to 60 cents. Before being accepted as a member, an invalid must give proof either in the form of papers or through any two Generals or Staff Officers, that his disability was sustained on the field of battle. "Everything possible is being done," says Colonel Seifullin, "to aid every invalid applying at the door of our Union." Proof is required only because a number of individuals have applied for aid under false pretences, some of them transpiring not to be war invalids at all.

Positions Vacant

Do not enclose original testimonials when replying to advertisements. Copies answer the same purpose.

WANTED immediately for delivery department, reliable foreigner, to supervise Chinese outdoor work. Please state experience, references and salary expected to Box 5206, NCDN. -9746

WANTED, two competent stenotypists for English and German languages, for outport Japanese office. Permanent positions. Apply personally to Mr. R. Yasutake, Astor House Hotel between 10.30 and noon. -9753

WANTED, nurse for child of three, reply submitting copies of references, full particulars of training and experience and stating salary required, to Box 5145, NCDN. -9620

WANTED, Chinese salesman, well-introduced in cotton yarn business. Address Box 5157, NCDN. -9619

YOUNG Chinese lady required by foreign firm for general office and to attend telephones. Reply, please, stating age, experience and salary expected. Address Post Office Box 973. -9698

Positions Wanted

Advertisements under this heading only are accepted at the rate of five dollar cents per word per insertion, with a minimum charge of $0.50.

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QUALIFIED stenotypist, experienced office worker, knowledge secretarial work. Moderate remuneration, but good prospects. Box 4042 NCDN. -9469

PLEASE help! Young lady, qualified sceretary-stenographer, journalistic abilities. Immediate employment. Telephone 38197, 6 p.m. upwards. Box 4858, NCDN. -9746

JAPANESE gentleman seeks position, speaks English, 10 years' business experience in States and Tokyo, good reference in Shanghai. Box 5132, NCDN. -9598

EXCELLENT positions assured after a few months training at Farmer's Commercial College, 264, Kiangse Road. Telephone 14967. -9957

LADY seeks position of companion to elderly people or take care of invalid. Box 5095, NCDN. -9505

HIGHLY qualified accountant, Chinese, twenty years' experience, importing, exporting, manufacturing. Capable supervising office. Excellent references. 12/116 Connaught Road. -9515

EXPERIENCED lady stenotypist, good knowledge of bookkeeping, seeks whole/part time position. Box 5182, NCDN. -9702

MAN (foreign, 28 years old) speaking and writing English and French experienced in newspaper and photographic work (all branches), seeks whole or part time employment. Salary $250 per month. No objection to outport in China. Address Box 5135, NCDN. 12989

STENOGRAPHER, free to start any time, experienced, knowledge of French. Salary $200. Box 5127, NCDN. -9588

Educational

HANDWRITING lessons especially for Chinese, also for beginners, given by experienced teacher in English language. Address Box 5193, NCDN. -9717

CHINESE lady gives lessons in Shanghai dialect, Mandarin. Box 4660, NCDN. -9738

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GERMAN lessons given by experienced lady-teacher (University of Berlin). Special experience in private tutoring; business, professional and technical German. Beginners and advanced pupils. 993 Avenue Joffre, Apartment 601. -9247

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FIGUEIREDO'S School. Thoroughly dependable. Shorthand typewriting, English. Crystal-clear explanations. 54 Garden Apartments, 1173/11 Bubbling Well. 12660

FRENCH, Italian, Spanish, English, Hungarian, German lessons given by experienced Berlitz teacher. Moderate fees. Best references. Address Box 5185, NCDN. -9704

Business Opportunities

WELL-furnished, profitable, boarding house to be taken over. Nine rooms, four bathrooms, two verandahs, four kitchens. Arcola heating. Price $9,000. Telephone 37019. -9743

FOR SALE, modern, furnished beauty parlour of four big rooms with all splendid instruments, at the corner of Bubbling Well and Gordon Roads. Please call at 18 Gordon Road. -9742

EXPERT producer cosmetics, equal world-wide known American products, seeks partner (lady/gentleman) with $10,000 for opening high-grade laboratory. Only serious proposition. Box 5188, NCDN. -9709

WANTED to purchase baggage service business with two or more Customs passes. Write giving full details and lowest price acceptable to Box 5212, NCDN. -9702

RESPONSIBLE foreign firm wants partner or compradore with capital for profitable business. Address Box 5210, NCDN. -9761

FOR lease (sale). Fully-equipped bar restaurant situated best section Bubbling Well Road (no brokers). Address Box 5156, NCDN. -9637

ARMOURED cars with armed foreign guards, for transporting treasure. Clarkes Agency, 88 Nanking Road. Telephone 10092. 12665

CLAIMS and debts attended to on commission basis. Clarkes Agency. 88 Nanking Road. Telephone 10092. 12664

FOREIGN dry cleaning company, established, having good income. No loss assured. Desire partner. Willing to sell half share for $2,000. Address Box 5139, NCDN. -9605

TRADE enquiries, financial status reports, insurance (all classes). Clarkes Agency. 88 Nanking Road. Telephone 10092. 12666

Office Cars

LADY requires lift, mornings only. King Albert Apartments/Museum Road. Address Box 5163, NCDN. -9651

For Sale—Miscellaneous

CHAMOIS leather from England, for automobiles, best quality, 23 in. x 24 in. Thomson Shoe Co., 331 Szechuen Road. -9747

AMERICAN handbags for ladies, latest styles, just arrived, $25. Thompson Shoe Co., 331 Szechuen Road. -9747

GLYCERINE, chemically pure, about five tons for immediate delivery, $4,000 per ton. Address Box 5209, NCDN. -9750

VITALUX lamp, quartz lamp (Kromayer), X-rays-machine, diathermy-apparatus, for sale. Address Box 5208, NCDN. -9759

DIAMOND ring, 2½ carats, good quality, for sale. US$300. Serious buyers only. Telephone 76253, 9-10 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m. -9757

FOR cheapest sale, vacuum cleaner, Electrolux and two heater irons. 24 The Bund, Suits 35, Telephone 10877. -9720

FOR SALE, new Retina I Chrom, Leica film, F3.5 Kodak Ektar with ever-ready case. Telephone 72232. -9715

CHEMICALS in stock, sodium perborate (show white 10 per cent oxygen). Senol super finishing oil (for cotton finishing mills), Hematine (for dye manufacturers), Dodwell and Company, Limited, 17 Canton Road, Telephone 11369. 12935

FOR immediate sale, brand-new Contax camera, model III. Lens F.2 with exposure meter onto and sunshade, owner leaving Shanghai. Cash only accepted. Communicate best offer Box 5187, NCDN. -9586

TWO gold pearl bracelets, for sale. Both excellent quality, of attractive style. $1,100. Box 5186, NCDN. -9709

QUALITY suit lengths. Expert European cutter available if required. 118/4 Route des Soeurs, Flat 3. -9491

EXTREMELY rare and old necklace, work of an ancient Cantonese family, collector's piece. Appointment to view by Telephone 32916, Room 2. -9444

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BARGAIN. American dresses sold below cost. From $12. Esso Company, 452 Kiangse Road, Telephone 12170. -9152

ON behalf of a private party for sale, Persian carpets, beautiful oil-paintings of old and modern artists. On view: 277 Avenue Petain, Shop. -9681

USEFUL presents. Shirts ready-made from $6.50. Shirts made to measure English material from $12.50. Flanelette pyjamas from $9.50. Pure silk ties from $5.50. Pure woollen jerseys from $9.80. Razon's, 12 Central Road. 12919

ALL woollen travelling rugs for sale in assorted designs @ $25 each cash. Quantity discounts by arrangement. H. C. Dixon & Son Ltd. Lane 126/10 Szechuen Road. 12925

RARE old Meissen porcelain figures, bronze statues, famous oil paintings, nice crystalware, tea and dinner sets, etc. 12 Rue du Consulat, Apartment 501 near Bund, telephone 87801. -9705

BEAUTIFUL crystalware, dinner sets, ivory miniatures, bronze statues, 421 Avenue Roi Albert, Apartment 5. -9643

PERSIAN lamb coat, view Telephone 11976. -9660

SIMMONS studio couch, practically new with one set loose covers, $120. Also one three-piece gentleman's woollen suit. Dark colour, almost new. Large size, $40. Address Box 5169, NCDN. -9670

INITIALLED handkerchiefs, 60 cents; aprons $1.25; bed-spreads $7.15; silk scarves $3.10. Latest laces and linen retained at actual wholesale prices. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road. 12940

FOR SALE, one gentleman's fur-coat (beaver and otter), one lady's fur-coat (Persian lamb), excellent condition, private party only. Apply 150 Kiukiang Road, Room 217A. -9628

CHRISTMAS gifts for every boy. Large American airplane construction kits $2.50, while they last. 55 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road. Second floor. Telephone 13750. 12900

NEW Ikonta, 2¼ x 2¼, F3.5 with ever-ready case, $400. New Zeiss field glasses, Deltrintem, 30 x 8, $750. Address Box 5119, NCDN. -9570

PERSIAN carpet, 9 x 12 feet, first-class quality, tasteful colours, for sale, privately. 359 King Albert Apartment. Flat 6. -9586

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SECONDHAND furniture store. Buying and selling, new and secondhand furniture and household effects, etc Feiner, 306 Rue Bourgeat. Telephone 73597. -9709

Miscellaneous

REPAIRS/service of refrigerators (sealed units also), cooling installations, mechanical engines. Foreign Engineering Co., 19 Doumer, Telephone 78145. -9762

CARPETS cleaned chemically, 10 cents per square foot. Rugs repaired, dyed, stored. Esso Company. Telephone 12170. -9133

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BARGAIN, new 5-tube, 2-band superheterodyne radio receiver, sale for $135, world reception guaranteed. Box 5194, NCDN. -9718

FOR radio repairs call International Radio Service, foreign workmanship, 9 Cardinal Mercier, Telephone 75897. -9553

NEW, US$65, RCA motor-car radio for $290. Limited offer. Radio Corporation of Asia, 361-3 Avenue Foch, Telephone 87777. -9940

LAST call for Christmas buyers. Newest 1939 streamlined American radios US$12.50 while they last. Few used radios $50 up. American Radio Equipment Company, 55 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road. 12899

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Christmas Gifts

IDEAL Christmas gifts, Hohner piano accordions, mouth organs. 276 Kiangse Road, Telephone 10868. 12929

FOR SALE, Persian lamb lady's coat, high-class quality, new, modern style, private party only. Apply 220 Szechuen Road, Apartment 807. -9736

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LADIES' suit-case, keeping 15 dresses wrinkle-free on hangers. Emigrants' Thriftsnop, 55 Nanking Road. -9758

MEN'S suit-case, latest novelty, holding 3-5 suits hanging without crushing. Emigrants' Thriftsnop, 55 Nanking Road. -9758

IDEAL Christmas gift, rare genuine old brocade Mandarin coats, private collection only a few. Telephone 32701. -9679

BEAUTIFUL dolls, imported. Sets of dolls' dresses and coats for Christmas presents. A very nice selection at very reasonable prices. Rosette, 135 Seymour Road. -9454

ATTRACTIVE crystalware dishes, bottles, plates, bowls, glasses, dinner/coffee/tea sets, figures, selected cups. 150 Tifeng Road, House 15, Flat 2. -9142

EMIGRANTS' Thrift Shop, 55 Nanking Road, Telephone 16833, for suitable gifts at reasonable prices. 12765

DOLLS (broken), repairing, renovating perfectly done. Dollies' coats, dresses, hats, shoes, stockings and wigs. Doll's Hospital Rosette, 135 Seymour Road. -9788

BEAUTIFUL crystalware, porcelain, many articles for presents, leather bags at bargain prices. 277 Avenue Petain, Shop. -9681

SECONDHAND books for Christmas sale. Large selection of books in English/German/French, sale at 80 per cent. The Great China Secondhand Book Store, first floor, Room 116-117. 429 Kiukiang Road. -9685

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BEST gifts, silver, gold, platinum, large selection diamonds, Swiss watches, etc., at prices you can afford to pay. Orders taken settings and any kind jewellery. Repairing watches with guarantee. Ilitovich, 867 Avenue Joffre, opposite Cathay Theatre. -9566

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WE buy jewellery, diamonds, platinum and gold at best prices. Sennet Freres, 307 Hamilton House, office hours. 10-11 a.m. 12883

WANTED buy secondhand carpets, trunks, suits, dresses, shoes. Telephone 39965, ask Mr. Bers, 8-10 a.m. 1-3 p.m. -9630

PIANO wanted, willing to pay good price. Address Box 5177, NCDN. -9564

WANTED: amateur movie camera with projector, preferably for 3 mm. film. Must be in good condition. Reply with full particulars to Box 5159, NCDN. -9641

WANTED to purchase, combination set, executive desks, one roll top, one flat top. Used but in good condition. Address Box 5141, NCDN. 12890

WANTED to buy: second-hand carpets, clothing, suits, dresses, shoes, 1129 Bubbling Well, House 51, Mr. Corts. -9393

WANTED a fine opal. State size, colour and price to Box 5131, NCDN -9597

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GOOD cook-boy, clean, honest, willing to work. Highly recommended. Address Box 5205, NCDN. -9745

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Beauty Culture, etc.

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LADY gives general massage, manicure 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road. Apartment 30. Second Floor. 12888

360 RUE Bourgeat, Room 2, near Route des Soeurs. Massage, from 2 to 8. -9851

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Wanted to Rent

ONE large, one small room, near Hart Road, wanted January 1. Reasonable price. Box 5195, NCDN. -9724

ONE room with/without board wanted by foreign bachelor. Bubbling Well/Seymour Road. Telephone 38331 during office hours, or Box 5214, NCDN. -9769

RESPONSIBLE foreigner wants house or apartment. Willing pay good price for furniture and key-money. Telephone 74850. -9884

WANTED to rent by married couple, big room facing south, use of kitchen, French or Settlement. Address Box 5137, NCDN. -9603

ONE-roomed apartment or share two-roomed apartment, furnished/unfurnished. Terms reasonable. Address Box 5174, NCDN. -9679

WANTED by foreigner, furnished/unfurnished room, private bathroom, steamheated, central location, occupation January 1. Reply Box 5180, NCDN. -9701

WANTED by foreigner, unfurnished three / four-roomed apartment, steamheated, two bathrooms possible, Concession/Settlement. Reply Box 5181, NCDN. -9701

TWO or three-roomed apartment, kitchen, bath. Address Box 5093, NCDN. -9508

RESPONSIBLE British couple require small, furnished/unfurnished, house/flat, six months or more. Willing pay rent full period in advance. Reply Box 5124, NCDN. -9577

SEVEN/eight-roomed house with garden and garage, in western district. Address Box 5142, NCDN. -9608

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Lost

LOST. Bill of Lading No. 36 per s/s Pres. Taft arrived 5/12/39 from San Francisco, covering 2 cases auto parts and mechanics tools. This Bill of Lading has been stamped by the Customs and has been lost. It is hereby declared null and void. James Magill & Co. -9630

LOST, The Butterfield & Swire, Ltd. B/L, No. 201, original and duplicate, two cases cotton socks, marked J. H., ss Szechuen, dated 29/11/39, which are hereby declared null and void. J. H. Knitting Factory. Kwong Tat Long Kung Kee Co. -9621

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WANTED used motor-cars of various makes, not later than 1934, pay cash. Telephone 39935. -9712

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